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Nantymoel man (20) spared jail

A MOBILE phone taken from a passenger in a car stopped in Bridgend "gave the game away" for its owner, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Text messages on it indicated that 20-year-old bricklayer Lloyd Cook had been dealing in drugs, said prosecutor Tony Trigg.

Cook, of Vale View Terrace, Nantymoel, admitted possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

He was sentenced to 26 weeks' detention, suspended for one year. He was ordered to be

by
AJ SICLUNA

electronically-tagged for 12 weeks and to observe a 7pm to 6am curfew. In addition, he was ordered to pay costs of £250 and a court surcharge of £80.

Judge Eleri Rees told Cook: "Drug dealers normally go to prison. You are not going to go to prison, because it is your first time before the Crown Court, and because of your age. If you come to the court again for dealing in drugs, you'll go to prison."

Mr Trigg said that about 10.15am on March 12, a car was stopped in Coity Road, Bridgend,

by a police officer who smelled cannabis inside the vehicle.

Cook, a passenger, said he had "just a spliff". In a rucksack, the police found traces of cannabis and there were similar traces in bags found in his home.

"His undoing was text messages on his mobile phone, indicating he had been dealing cannabis and selling the deals in small amounts," said Mr Trigg.

Cook was said to have one previous conviction for possessing the drug.

His solicitor, Robert Chudleigh, said: "At the time, he was leading a foolish, erratic life and he had financial difficulties. He realises he was foolish to behave in this way."

"He had been living in Bridgend, but since the offence, has moved and has an established, close relationship."

He said Cook was not a silly person and was well educated.

"He wants to tackle the issue of his misuse of cannabis," he added.



LOCAL SWIMMERS GO 'ROUND THE BAY'!

Council to resettle Syrian refugees in the county borough

BRIDGEND County Borough Council confirmed this week that it will be taking part in the UK Government's Syrian refugee resettlement programme to provide accommodation for families fleeing the conflict.

A spokesperson stated that over a

five-year period, 10 to 12 families could be welcomed into the county borough and given support to settle in local communities.

They will be provided with accommodation in the private rented sector - "so no-one who is already on a housing waiting list will miss out or be asked to give up their place."

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Pictured above by Keith E Morgan, are winners in the Porthcawl 'Round the Bay' Swim. (See page 6 for a report and photos).

Man tries to steal car with mother and baby inside!

A Pontycymmer man was jailed after trying to drive away a car - with a mother and baby in the back set.

"For full details of the case, see Crown Court report on page 3".

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'Why heart sinks at news of Team GB's cycling haul'

IWONDER if there are other readers like me whose heart sinks every time it's announced that Team GB has picked up yet another medal for cycling?

It's not that I'm being unpatriotic, you understand. It's just that after 2012 and subsequent successes in other bicycle-related events, the number of youths and middle-aged men with too much time on their hands (and a few women too, of course) that squeeze themselves into hideous multi-coloured Lycra, straddle a bike, and head out onto the roads around the Vale has reached epidemic proportions.

There are swarms of them. And it's now got to the point where their numbers seem to increase exponentially every time a professional

British rider picks up yet another gong!

The fact that people are being inspired to take up sport is admirable. And if the obscene and eye-watering £30 million dished out to Team GB's cyclists every four years indirectly gets more people exercising, and might consequently save the NHS at least four times that amount in treatment for obesity and heart-related conditions in the same period, then (just maybe) it's money well spent.

But I suspect that the cost of treating a corresponding rate of cycling-related injuries will ensure that's absolutely not the case.

However, my main issue with this cycling obsession is that it's the only sport people are allowed to play on the public highways – anywhere and any time they please. Our roads are being turned into one giant playground for a minority, who think it's

their divine right to cause congestion and inconvenience to anyone not on two wheels.

If a group of friends decided to hold a spontaneous game of volleyball on the central reservation of the Cowbridge bypass, the boys in blue would soon be on the scene to break things up.

But if 15 or 20 cyclists decide to have a mass outing on a Saturday morning riding two or three (or more) abreast, with a stream of frustrated motorists behind them, then apparently that's perfectly okay.

If the Assembly Government is getting devolved powers to set national speed limits, then perhaps they might consider flexing a bit of muscle in other areas of road traffic management. And I have a few suggestions for them to consider:

- An outright ban on recreational cycling on all public highways by groups comprising more than three riders to a group. These riders must ride in single file at all times.

- The compulsory registration of all bicycles, and cyclists aged 13 and over, with the requirement to display a registration number on every bicycle (much like the old car tax disc) and to carry a related form of ID at all time. This might help to deter cyclists from

openly violating so many traffic regulations and help them to acknowledge red lights. Presently they protect their anonymity by hiding behind giant sunglasses/goggles in all weathers, thus making them feel invincible and above the law.

- A mandatory requirement to ride only on cycle lanes or dedicated cycle paths whenever and wherever such are provided, with on-the-spot fines for any rider not doing so. Local councils seem hell-bent on building cycle paths that always end up remarkably devoid of cyclists. Heavy fines might incentivise cyclists to use the facilities they are given and help offset some of the build costs. It would also offer a degree of satisfaction to non-cyclists who pay for these white elephant cycle facilities out of their Council Tax.

So, I hear you ask, where do cycling clubs go to have their fun? Well, there's a velodrome in Newport. They could probably find several sports stadiums and running tracks to ride around too.

Or how about a disused World War Two airfield? Even after 70 years, the runway surface would probably be in better condition than most of the roads in the Vale!

Ian Walton, Rhosce.

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'Congratulations all round for a superb Vale Show'

AS president of the Vale Show for 2016 I wanted to thank everyone who attended Wales' premier one-day show at Ffnon Castle on Wednesday, August 10.

The weather was kind to us and the show once again demonstrated the very best of country life. As a proud Vale farmer, it was a true privilege and honour to be president and the day did not disappoint – I hope you also had a thoroughly enjoyable time on the showground.

As ever, there are always too many individuals to thank, but the organisers put on a sterling show and my heartfelt gratitude goes to the team so ably led by secretary Sarah Fenner, director John Hanks and chairman Liz Synan. It was a pleasure to see so many old and new faces and the buy-in from visitors, businesses, exhibitors and the local community was great to see. Agriculture and farming play such a

huge important role in our community and this was certainly epitomised by the stands on display.

Well done to the winners on the day, all of whom showcased the very best of the rural Vale and beyond. But as I touched upon in my welcome message in this same paper only a couple of weeks ago, all of this would not be possible without the support of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the Army and RAF cadets, the YFC, St John Ambulance, and other regulatory bodies which allow the show to proceed safely and efficiently.

And it's only right my final word of thanks is reserved for The GEM for the role it plays in promoting the event to so many across the county. Thank you.

Bring on 2017 and yet another excellent Vale of Glamorgan Show! Andrew RT Davies AM, president, Vale of Glamorgan Show.

Remembering the VC heroes



ICAME across the article in The GEM online, stating Mr Godfrey Knight intended to visit the grave of a family member who had won the VC.

I enclose a picture of the headstone and a plaque inside the Abbey which I commissioned for the memorial service for McPherson VC.

At the time, I appealed nationally via newspapers and radio for any living relatives to attend the dedication

service, and one lady, a great, great-granddaughter – a Mrs Lillian Edge – was guest of honour.

It was a day to remember, with the regimental pipe band and a colour party from his regiment leading the celebrations, followed by a meal and speeches from many dignitaries.

Mr and Mrs Edge subsequently gifted a wooden seat in front of the town square in honour of the village's recognition of McPherson's valour. Alan Johnson.

Ogmore's AM learns how to protect his voice!

A RECENT 'Protecting Your Voice' event held at the Assembly by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, saw Huw Irranca-Davies AM for Ogmore receiving practical advice from experts on how to protect his voice!

He was also told how therapists from across Wales are helping to transform lives by supporting people of all ages with swallowing

and communication needs. More than half of children in deprived areas and nearly two thirds of young offenders have speech, language and communication needs, along with one in three stroke survivors.

The AM stated: "Around 60,000 people in Wales have speech, language or communication problems which can severely limit their participation in family life, the community and world of work. I applaud the sterling work of these expert therapists in helping people to overcome these difficulties."

BEWARE TAX SCAM CALLS!

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore warned local residents about scam calls claiming to be from the HMRC.

An automated voice claims to be taking residents to court over unpaid tax, asks residents to press 1 in order to speak to a caseworker.

Once done, the con artist will then try to gain personal information such as national insurance numbers and bank details.

Mr Elmore said: "The HMRC will never contact residents by phone unless they're returning a call. At no point should people be giving out personal information. If you're unsure request information in writing or get in touch with my office. I've received a number of messages saying that they've been contacted in this way

and I'll be speaking to the police and action fraud about the situation."

The number from where the phone calls are coming from, 01443 031 265, is a Sheffield-based number. It comes as the number of reported cases increases, with consumer watch dogs telling people to be "vigilant".

Consumer watch dog Money Saving Expert's advice is: "Be on your guard and ensure you take steps to stop scammers in their tracks. If you've received a call from someone claiming to be from HMRC encouraging you to provide bank account or personal details for alleged tax debt, in exchange for 'tax advice' or a refund, you should hang up and contact HMRC directly, while also reporting the incident to Action Fraud."

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL AUGUST 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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	AM	M	PM	M
18 Thur	07.11	9.6	19.31	9.9
19 Fri	07.54	10.1	20.12	10.3
20 Sat	08.33	10.2	20.52	10.4
21 Sun	09.14	10.3	21.34	10.3
22 Mon	09.55	10.1	22.17	10.0
23 Tues	10.37	9.8	23.02	9.6
24 Wed	11.24	9.3	23.51	9.2
25 Thur			12.16	8.8

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Pontycymmer man tried to drive car away with mother and baby inside

A MOTHER feared for her life and that of her baby daughter when a man, under the influence of

drugs, attempted to drive off in a car in which they were passengers, writes AJ SICLUNA. Cardiff Crown Court heard that seconds

before, the lawful driver had got out of the vehicle, left the engine running, and made a delivery to a nearby premises. Lee Pinches (32) of Oxford Street,

Pontycymmer, admitted taking a vehicle without authority, driving while disqualified, and with no insurance, assault and possessing heroin. He was jailed for 48 weeks and disqualified from driving for two years.

Judge David Wynn Morgan said: "This case requires you be punished for what were wicked offences."

He said he had "scared half to death" a mother and her child.

Prosecutor Nicholas Gareth Jones said that at about 10.30pm on July 10, a car containing the driver, his partner and their 11-month-old daughter stopped in the Pontycymmer area when the driver made a delivery.

When he left the car, he left the key in the ignition and the engine running.

"Suddenly, Pinches appeared, looked at the woman and sat in the driver's seat. She shouted 'What are you doing?' He tried to drive off, but the vehicle stalled and he attempted to re-start it."

Mr Jones said that the woman tried to grab the ignition key and at this point, Pinches grabbed her wrist.

She repeatedly told him to get out, and eventually he left the vehicle.

The woman was extremely upset, said Mr Jones and said: "I feared for the life of my daughter and myself."

Pinches was arrested 30 minutes later in nearby Meadow Street and had on him a tobacco tin containing heroin and Valium.

He said to the officers: "With these drugs, I'm bang to rights."

He denied being responsible for the incident in the vehicle and even when he was spotted and identified, he still maintained that it was not him.

The court heard that Pinches had previous convictions for possessing drugs with intent to supply, driving while disqualified, robbery, and had been sentenced to four and a half years for wounding.

His solicitor Dan Heard said: "At the time, he was acting irrationally. He committed the offences on impulse when under the influence of heroin and Valium. To say the least, he was in a drug-induced state."

"He has a long-standing heroin addiction. He has now reached a turning point in his life and is keen to obtain help."

The judge said that heroin had ruined Pinches' life.

Natasha takes an inspirational sailing trip with a cancer trust

BRIDGEND teenager Natasha Powell (16), recently took part in an inspirational sailing trip with the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust, along with 26 other young people in recovery from cancer.

Natasha joined the crew of one of five yachts to sail around the Solent on the south coast from July 25 on a four-day yachting adventure.

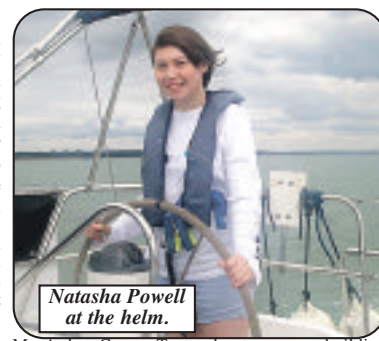
For Natasha, who finished treatment in October 2015 for Hodgkin's lymphoma, this was her first time sailing with the trust. She said: "It's been really fun. There's nothing to worry about at all and it's easy to make friends."

Sailing on board 42-48-foot cruising yachts, the voyages give people opportunities to work as a team with people of different backgrounds and experiences, and get involved in everything, from helming the boat to cooking.

Natasha continued: "I'm normally a shy person, but I probably feel much more confident in myself, in a way that I can bond better with people, thanks to this trip."

Departing from its south coast base in East Cowes Marina, Isle of Wight, the trip navigated the waters of the Solent, which took them to various stopovers including Yarmouth harbour and the picturesque bay of Newtown Creek for a barbecue. They then put their new skills to the test cruising back to Cowes.

A charity spokeswoman explained: "Launched in 2003, the aim of the Ellen



Natasha Powell at the helm.

MacArthur Cancer Trust is to give young people in recovery from cancer the chance to rebuild their confidence through sailing. The sailing trips provide a chance for the young people to test themselves in a safe and supportive environment."

Dame Ellen, who held the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, tries to spend a day on as many trips as possible, commented: "The mental and social fall-out from cancer can be just as devastating as the physical illness. Everything we do is

about building confidence, self-esteem and having fun together."

In its 13th year, the trust has grown into a national charity, working with a principal treatment centre and a growing number of designated units in the UK. It takes young people aged between 8 - 24 who are recovering from cancer on four-day sailing trips.

Find out how you can support the trust and help to make a real difference to young peoples' lives by visiting: www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org.

AM 'disappointed' at impending closure of Porthcawl HSBC

FIRST Minister Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend, has sought assurances from HSBC officials that customers would not be "left high and dry" when the Porthcawl branch closes next month.

Mr Jones was told by HSBC that with customer habits changing and with many customers using branches closest to their place of work, internet banking or mobile facilities, the number of people visiting the Porthcawl branch has been in decline.

Over the past four years, there had been a 40 per cent reduction in footfall to the branch. HSBC argued that given the careful analysis of the branch's commercial viability, it was clear that it is no longer generating the custom necessary to justify its continued operation, he reported.

Following the closure, HSBC will automatically transfer the administration of their customers' accounts to the Dunraven Place, Bridgend branch. Customers would not see any difference to their accounts. There will not be new bank account numbers as it was the administration that is changing, "not

the customer accounts".

Mr Jones heard that HSBC had considered alternatives to its closure of the Porthcawl branch such as branch sharing, mobile vans and other alternatives, but these were not viable. HSBC stressed that staff currently employed at the Porthcawl branch will be offered re-deployment elsewhere.

Mr Jones commented: "It is disappointing that HSBC has taken the decision to close the Porthcawl branch. Despite internet and mobile banking facilities available, customers still look to their high street banks such as HSBC to provide both local branches and online banking facilities."

"Some people still want to be able to pop into their local branch to deal with their banking needs. HSBC have informed me that their branch in Bridgend has longer opening hours and additional staff to deal with enquiries."

"I also understand that personal current account customers will be able to access their bank account at Post Office branches for cash withdrawals, cash deposits and balance enquiries."

"HSBC has also reached an agreement with the Post Office to enable business customers with a debit card to pay in and withdraw cash and check their balance."

Charity fair at St Mary Hill

LAST year's poor summer weather resulted in the cancellation of the St Mary Hill fair but organisers are planning that it will be held once again on the common between Pencoeed and Heol-y-Cyw on Bank Holiday Monday, (August 29) from 10am until 4pm.

The fair has been held for many centuries and attracts traders from all over the country, who come along selling horses, poultry, fine china and leather goods. Each year, the fair supports a local charity. This year, it will again be the Stroke Association

Community Group in Bridgend county and the Cardiac Unit in the Princess of Wales Hospital. Please come along and support these worthy causes.

The organisers of the fair, the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators, are grateful to all those who help, and especially local firms, such as ACD Skips and Terry Refell for their support.

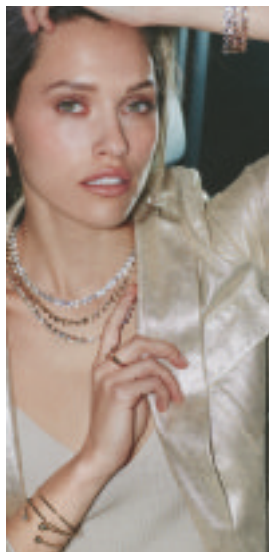
Parking on the common will cost £5 per vehicle and two large car parks will be open.

The fair organisers require, in the interest of animal welfare, that vendors of livestock and poultry provide suitable accommodation and drinking water for their stock.

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Now Playtime is a lot more fun at the Bryngarw Park!



CHILDREN and young people with disabilities in Bridgend county borough celebrated National Play Day with a visit to Bryngarw Country Park, where recent improvements have made the park more accessible.

Staff from the borough council's 'Discovery Days' programme, which provides play and social opportunities, held play activities and a barbecue for the children who enjoyed the park's new 'inclusive' playground facilities.

A new accessible roundabout allows room for a wheelchair and provides an area for disabled and non-disabled children to play together. Other accessibility improvements include a new route from the main car park to

make it easier for people with disabilities to use the park's facilities, new accessible parking bays in the main car park and a new ramp and tarmac path leading up to the playground.

The work, which was funded by the borough council with support from Welsh Government, also included erecting more benches along the route as resting points.

In October 2015, the council entered into a partnership with Awen Cultural Trust to run a range of cultural services and venues across Bridgend county borough, including Bryngarw Country Park.

The trust plans to continue to make improvements to Bryngarw Country Park to make its facilities more wheelchair-friendly.



Children from the Discovery Days group revel in the new, accessible roundabout at Bryngarw Country Park.

Ogmore AM backs call for armed forces to be 'counted in' census



AM for Ogmore, Huw Irranca-Davies, has declared his support for The Royal British Legion's 'Count Them In' campaign which calls for questions on the Armed Forces Community to be included in the next UK Census.

He said that it is estimated there are currently between 6.5 million and 6.7 million members of the Armed Forces community living in the UK, representing about a tenth of the population – little was known about the exact numbers, location and needs of this significant group.

"Including new questions on the next census would provide public bodies and charities with information to ensure they are able to deliver the best services they can for our Armed Forces Community," said the AM, who met representatives of the Royal British Legion (RBL) and RAF veteran

the campaign at the Assembly.

"Adding questions to the UK Census about the Armed Forces Community will help raise awareness of this much valued group. It is essential that the members are aware of the full care and support packages available and that the relevant authorities are able to target these packages directly to them. It will also go some way to show appreciation of our Armed Forces to whom we owe so much," he commented.

Chris Simpkins, Director-General of RBL, said: "As a nation, we promise to provide lifelong care and support for those who serve our country, and by adding questions to the 2021 UK Census we can help public bodies and charities to deliver the best services they can for our Armed Forces community where they are needed most."

People can show their support for the campaign by visiting the Legion's website, www.britishlegion.org.uk/census, or by posting on social media using the #CountThemIn hashtag.

Thumbs up for BID to boost the town centre

by ANDY JOHNSTONE

TRADERS in Bridgend town centre have given the thumbs-up to a 'brilliant' plan for the area to become a business improvement district or 'BID'.

Felicity Ladbroke, of Felicity Jewellers, commented: "I see the BID as a brilliant opportunity for businesses in Bridgend to come together as a proper community to make decisions on projects over and above anything the council does."

"It can create events and attractions within the town – and an incentive to encourage visitors must be a good thing!"

A BID is a defined area in which a levy – 1 to 1.25 per cent is typical – is paid by all eligible business ratepayers, in addition to their business rates bill. This is used to develop projects expected to benefit businesses in the local area.

In Bridgend, 348 businesses and organisations were eligible to vote for or against the BID.

However, the turnout, was low, with just 128 (36.78 per cent) of those eligible voting. The ballot had to pass two majorities to be successful.

Each of the 348 businesses, whether they voted for it or not, will pay an additional 1.25 per cent on their non-domestic rates,

generating an anticipated £480,000 over three years. Businesses below a threshold of £6,000 RV per year are exempt.

Rotimi Adegoke, chair of the BID steering group meetings, said: "I am pleased with the 'yes' vote, and look forward to Bridgend (town centre) business owners working together to create a brighter Bridgend."

Funds raised will be used to make the town centre more attractive and accessible, improve parking and marketing, and reduce anti-social behaviour and the number of empty properties.

Ideas floated include free Wi-Fi in the town, developing loyalty schemes, and using street art and vinyl stickers to mask unoccupied premises.

Responses from stakeholders who responded to The GEM's request for comments were overwhelmingly in favour of the BID, but amid the optimism were two notes of caution.

Elgan Morgan, policy and public affairs manager for the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the 'yes' vote, but added: "We must make sure that (money raised through the levy) is additional and not used by Bridgend County Borough Council as a way of reducing the money it currently spends supporting the

town centre."

Nationally, Griff Rhys Jones, president of Civic Voice, delivered this criticism of the BID system: "I am wary of this initiative because of what may become unintended consequences (or indeed intended consequences) that help one sort of business (the property letting business), but will cause problems to smaller businesses."

While welcoming the project, Steve Watkins, of Watkins Menswear, also offered a suggestion:

"I think businesses in Bridgend have shown how committed they are to reversing the fortunes of the town centre in voting for a BID."

"Hopefully the BID and the projects it can create, along with the traders' proposed partial

relaxation of pedestrianisation along Queen Street, Dunraven Place and Market Street to make a vital artery of access into the town centre, can create a vibrant, pleasant, convenient shopping experience for shoppers coming to Bridgend town centre."

Members of the BID steering group – a not-for-profit company called 'CF31' – have written a business plan.

The next stage is to appoint a board, comprising representatives from four large businesses, the same from smaller businesses, one landowner, one voluntary contributor, one residential or community member and one member representing a statutory body, such as the police or county borough council.

Local girl lives her Liverpool dream!



Josie Gronow at Wembley Stadium.

A St Athan schoolgirl recently had the thrill of walking out in front of 90,000 spectators at Wembley Stadium when Liverpool played Barcelona in a pre-season game.

Josie Gronow goes to St Athan Primary School and is a mad keen football fan and plays for Llantwit Major under-10s.

It was Josie's big prize after she was entered into a competition run by New Balance, the kit sports manufacturer, for the chance to be a mascot at the game.

The prize included a brand new kit and two match tickets as well. Josie and Craig Walters, the partner of Josie's mum, travelled

up on the Saturday morning and met the Liverpool FC club representatives at Hilton Wembley to receive her prize and headed to Wembley Stadium.

Craig said: "She took her place in the tunnel alongside Emre Can and walked out onto the pitch in front of close to 90,000 spectators, which was later revealed as the second-largest ever attendance at the stadium."

As the prize was a Liverpool game, it was just as well that Josie is a fan, and her favourite current player is Daniel Sturridge.

However, as is probably compulsory for a Liverpool fan, she loves Stephen Gerrard too!

Craig concluded: "It was a brilliant day all round."

Two arrested after match day locker-room theft

FOOTBALL teams often complain of being 'robbed', but this proved all too literal at a home match played between Llantwit Major AFC and Cwm Welfare FC on Saturday, August 13.

At half-time, players in the Welsh League Division 3 match – held at the Windmill ground pitch on Frampton Lane just outside the town – returned to the dressing room to find lockers broken open and ransacked.

Personal possessions were missing – and a car had been stolen.

A spokesman for South Wales Police told The GEM that officers received a telephone call just after 3.15pm on Saturday.

He added: "It appears to have happened while the players' and spectators' attention was,

quite naturally, focused on the pitch.

"The lockers were opened and the players' belongings were rifled through. Mobile phones and other items were taken, including car keys. A white Audi, belonging to one of the players, was taken."

"Two males aged 31 and 33 and both from the Swansea area have been arrested in connection with this incident."

The two men have now been released on bail pending further investigations.

He said that police are appealing for witnesses or others in the vicinity of the playing fields last Saturday afternoon to contact the force, especially if they saw any suspicious activity in the area.

Contact South Wales Police on 101 with any information relating to this incident, quoting incident number 07726.

• Cwm Welfare won the match 5-0.

Probus Club recalls the great disaster of 1831

THE Llantwit Major Probus Club held a meeting on August 9 in Iltyd 216.

Members were welcomed by the president John Clarke, who then gave an update on progress being made with hearing and visual aids to enhance the presentations by our speakers.

Roger Gullet said a friendly boules match was being organised with Llanmaes this Friday (August 19) and asked for members wishing to play to give him their names. The game would start at 6pm with after-match refreshments.

This month's speaker was our vice president Colin Hawkins. His talk, entitled 'The Frolic' was about the paddle steamer

which was operated by the Bristol Steam Packet Company and plied its trade between Bristol and Haverfordwest, a 60-mile journey which took 10 hours.

Launched in November 1830, she made her last and fateful sailing on March 15, 1831. With rough weather from the outset, she sheltered in Dale Bay and then set anchor off Tenby. The captain took the decision to carry on the voyage and the vessel went considerably off course, and foundered on Nash Sands with the loss of all 78 passengers and crew.

The inquiry into the disaster led to two lighthouses being built within a year, which serve as a lasting legacy and memorial of the disaster. MM

THE TOWN MAYOR RECEIVES CHEQUE FROM MUSEUM AT AFTERNOON TEA IN Y CENTRE



All photos by David Swidenbank.



Leisure centre staff help hospital ward



MEMBERS of staff at Bridgend Recreation Centre are raising money for the Y Bwthyn Newydd unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital, and recently took part in a four-hour 'spinathon'.

The members of Halo, which runs the recreation centre, have a target of £500, and had an enthusiastic response when they took their bikes. Many were in fancy dress.

Deborah Birmingham explained: "Y Bwthyn Newydd supports and looks after patients needing palliative care. They support the patients' families as well, in conjunction with the charity Macmillan.

"Our aim was to raise at least £500 towards this worthy cause through sponsorship and donation buckets on the day. We raised £200.54 in the day and hoping to exceed our £500 target.

"If your readers could donate via my just giving page, we would be most grateful."

Fundraising link:
https://crowdfunder.justgiving.com/deborah-birmingham?utm_id=2&utm_term=ZVVJqEP4V

Bridgend folk enjoy all the fun of Vale of Glamorgan Show



Photographer Andy Wicks captured some great moments at the Vale Show last week, including this one of friends from Bridgend and Llantwit Major meeting up. It proved to be one of best-ever shows with warm, dry conditions and no sign of rain!

QUIZ LEAGUE

BRIDGEND & District Quiz League is holding a fun, free-to-enter general knowledge quiz on Monday, September 12 at Tondur Railway Club at 8.30pm.

All welcome; free buffet provided. Teams, old and new, from the area are welcome to join the League proper and can register at the venue.

Further details at bridgendquiz.com or from Steve on 01656 722754.

PORTHCAWL Museum held an afternoon tea recently at The Y Centre, John Street, Porthcawl.

Everyone enjoyed the traditional home-made sandwiches, scones and cakes, all made and served by a group of hard-working museum volunteers.

After the tea had been served, Ceri Joseph from the museum presented Porthcawl Town Mayor Rob Lee with a £240 cheque for his charities, which the museum raised at the Mayor's coffee morning last month.



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The overall Round the Bay Swim winner, Ioan Evans, is presented with the Porthcawl Lifeguards Club Round the Bay Swim Shield, by club chairman Mike Edwards.

NOT too sunny and not too cold, and a calm sea was the right mixture for this year's 'Round the Bay Swim'.

The annual event is organised by the Porthcawl Lifeguards Club, formed in 1958, with awards for a number of categories of swimmers.

This year, there were 71 competitors with the overall winner of the Porthcawl Lifeguards Club Shield Ioan Evans, who was first to complete the course in an unofficial time of 15 minutes 25 seconds.

The course was around a buoy at Black Rock to another buoy at the pier slipway and then back round the final buoy to the beach. The swim was started by president Lindsay Morgan and the awards were presented by chairman Mike Edwards.

Safety cover was given by the Porthcawl Junior Lifeguards under David Davies. Catering was organised by Porthcawl Lifeguard Club members Steve Jarman, Tisha Barnes, Marina Atherton, Sue

Teal and Betty Stokes.

The winners and runners-up of the various categories were:

Overall Round the Bay Swim winner: Ioan Evans.

Masters Long Course Male: first, Andrew Martin; second, David Murray.

Senior Long Course Male: first, Lewis Bevan; second, Andrew O'Leary.

Junior Long Course Male: first, Ioan Evans; second, Keenan Napper.

Masters Long Course Female: first, Alison McKirdle; second, Teg Quine.

Senior Long Course Female: first, Lyndsey Lewis; second, Alice Bevan.

Junior Long Course Female: first, Ocean Poulney; second, Katrin Higginson.

Masters Short Course Male: first, Ian Harmer-Davies; second, Phillip Probert.

Masters Short Course Female: first, Paula Wilfort.

Junior Short Course Male: first, Max Slaughter.

Senior Short Course Female: first, Amy Baldrey.

Swimmers' epic test as they go Round the Bay



The boy and girls in the backroom - the catering team. Report and photographs by KEITH E MORGAN.

Surprise, surprise as Santa pays summer visit to Y Bont



THE staff and children at Y Bont's unique family centre in Bridgend which provides specialised childcare, had a big surprise when Santa knocked on their front door, followed by members of the Bridgend Round Table carrying his gilded throne!

Every Christmas, members of the local Round Table take to the road with Santa Claus to greet children around the borough and raising vital funds for charity.

In 2015 the Round Table were amazed by the residents' generosity in raising an astonishing £2,278.73!

A spokeswoman said: "When Santa heard how kind the people in Bridgend had been, he made a decision to take a break from holidaying in a hot climate to join the Round Table members to present the cheque and vital educational equipment for use in the Sensory Room at Y Bont."

"Everyone at Y Bont was so pleased to receive the visitors and even the grown-ups wanted the chance to sit on his specially-made throne!"

Adrian Lewis, chairman of the Bridgend Round Table added: "Christmas is a special time for all families, the people of our borough respond so generously each year when Santa comes to visit. We aim to fund-raise throughout the year in support of local charities in the Bridgend area and all members of the Round Table feel proud to be able to support Y Bont. We would like to recognise and thank all the staff and customers at Tesco who also made Santa welcome, contributed towards the fundraising and had fun with Santa in the main store."

Said Santa: "It is wonderful to see so many kind-hearted and generous residents living in Bridgend. Charities like Y Bont are always grateful for any financial support that is offered to them."

"Y Bont will benefit from the sensory equipment and funding seen here today. I will look forward to

seeing everyone again in Christmas 2016!"

Marged Griffiths, chief executive officer for Y Bont commented: "Once again, Y Bont has been bowled over by the generosity shown by the community at Christmas 2015. The toys and funding donated by The Round Table will benefit not only the children using Y Bont's Sensory Room but also those children supported by BCBC's Visual Impairment Team who do such vital work visiting children in the community."

"All will benefit greatly from early sensory development through play. Thank you to everyone concerned."

MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 PART 4: MARINE LICENSING APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE TO REPAIR OUTFALL AT PORTHCAWL SEAFRONT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 1, Section 68 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 that Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure has applied to Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, for a marine licence to REPAIR OUTFALL AT PORTHCAWL SEAFRONT

The application and plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Porthcawl Library, Church Place, Porthcawl, CF36 3AG

Alternatively, copies of the application can be obtained from the Cardiff Permitting Service, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP. Permittingconsultations@NaturalResourcesWales.gov.uk

Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Marine Licensing Team, Cardiff Permitting Service, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP; or e-mail marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Representations or objections should be made within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: CML1644 In your representation/objection please include an address to which correspondence may be sent.

Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, will pass to the applicant a copy of any representation or objection received.



Children at Pen y Fai explore the outdoors on the new Play Rangers programme.

'Anything Rio can do, we can do better' say Bridgend youngsters!



Young gymnast at Pencoeid enjoys horsing around at Active 4 Life.

WHILE Team GB were excelling in Rio, children across Bridgend county borough were enjoying plenty of games of their own with the popular School's Out programme.

Children aged between eight and 12 years old have taken part in sports, games and crafts at Active 4 Life sessions, as well as exploring the outdoors with den building, play camping and adventure activities with the new Play Rangers programme.

Run in partnership with each area's town or community council, the free Active 4 Life programme is taking

place from Monday to Friday over a four week stint during the summer holidays in different locations across the county borough.

Children aged three to seven have also been enjoying quality play time at Mini Play 4 Life sessions, which include a range of activities such as arts and crafts, games, dance and fun play at various community venues.

Bridgend county borough council is keen to support Welsh language activities as part of the School's Out campaign, and parents can also find information on activities which are being run by Menter Bro Ogwr and Urd Gobaith Cymru on the council's Schools Out web pages.

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Father salutes Coastguard heroes after son's rescue



A happy, and thankful, reunion!

A Vale father has told the GEM the dramatic story of how his son was rescued off the Heritage Coast on Wednesday, August 3, and emphasised how much we all owe to the sterling work of local coastguards.

Denis G Campbell recounted the heart-stopping moment he found out that his son was safe after a life-threatening incident involving four teenagers near Llantwit Major beach.

Denis said: "When the call begins - 'this is Kristen from Heath Hospital A&E, we have your son, he's okay' - nothing stops your heart from sinking into the floor.

"When you learn your son and three others were swept out to sea, you wonder what these 16-year-old boys were doing in two-metre high seas.

"Then you sheepishly remember your own teenage escapades!"

PROUD

But as more information became available Mr Campbell's relief, turned to pride.

He explained: "When you learn over the next few hours that they had had the judgement to not go in, and were in fact swept away trying to rescue a mate who was in trouble by tying clothing together as a rope, you are filled with pride at their courage.

"And when it hits you that this week, three other families in Wales were not as fortunate, you appreciate the forgotten soldiers of the Llantwit Major Coastguards.

"Jamie 'Goose'

Jenkins, station officer, reached out on Facebook and asked if he could use photos of my son in A&E with oxygen and a hypothermia kit for their debriefing meeting.

"That was when we wanted to meet this team. And every family joined in. The meeting happened on Monday. "As Jamie Jenkins said: 'Once the ambulance doors shut or the helicopter leaves the area, that is often the last we ever know or see of the people we rescue'.

CHANGED

"That changed when Harry Fairclough and his dad Sid, Jordan Williams and mum Carys, Ryan Lee Taylor's mum Jan Brocklehurst and Chris Groot Wassink, my son, and I walked into the Llantwit Major Fire and Coastguards Station."

Senior Coastal Operations Officer Lee Haigh told the group: "Our men train here every Monday night from 7pm to 9pm on rope, shore and 'close in' water rescues along our cliffs and shores. "Most of our men grew up in this area, so they know exactly where people are, or if in the sea, where the currents will take them."

CALLED 999

After 20 minutes in the water, Harry and Jordan managed to get out, but Chris and Ryan were drifting away, fighting to stay afloat in their wetsuits.

Harry, Jordan and others, were on shore, frantically calling 999. The mobile land crew were despatched immediately and 11 men showed up with equipment on Llantwit Major Beach.

The families found out that 999 calls are fed to the centre where

they provide feedback so air, land and sea teams have the same and most up-to-date information in a chaotic situation.

Based on tides, currents and time, the watch commander decides, usually within seconds, whether to dispatch lifeboats and/or the helicopter.

When Jamie Jenkins and his crew arrived on scene, they needed to assess where and how many people were still in the water.

The chopper was a two-minute flight away at RAF St. Athan and the lifeboat was already on a training exercise nearby.

Jamie said: "As we arrived on scene, we confirmed two boys had made it out of the water and could see the helicopter had spotted the other boys 200 yards offshore.

CIRCLED

"It circled and was hoisting Chris out with Ryan to follow. It was over, thankfully, very quickly.

"Everyone was out 20 minutes after we got the call."

The chopper raced on to the Heath Hospital in Cardiff. Harry and Jordan were transported by ambulance to Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend.

Three were quickly released, with Chris held overnight to watch for infection from seawater in his lungs. All have since fully recovered from the ordeal.

Denis added: "So when those black coastguard vehicles race up and down the coast, get out of their way, send a good thought to these brave men and whomever they may be saving next."



The Morryston Minors at the training event (missing from the picture is Kay Myatt).

The Morryston Minors take to the road – with a little help from Alfie!

HE'S led Wales to Grand Slam victory on the rugby pitch and now Bridgend's Gareth Thomas is hoping to inspire another group of sports enthusiasts to success.

His latest challenge sees him guiding 100 amateur runners – dubbed Alfie's Angels – from the sofa to the finishing line of October's Cardiff Half Marathon and their progress will be followed by TV cameras for BBC Wales series Run for Your Life.

Among the group, made up of applicants from across Wales, will be the Morryston Minors – Eve Jeffery, Ceri Jones, Samantha John, Ruth Gates,

Helen Jones and Kay Myatt.

They were selected after Morryston Education Centre manager Eve sent the programme makers a video pleading for Gareth's help to get them up and running.

"We're really pleased to have been picked. I signed up because I was ready to make a few changes myself to get healthier, we are all shapes and sizes and some of us are more experienced than others but this is just what we need to really help us focus," said Eve.

As a result, they have secured free entry into Half Marathon, a training programme, weekly motivational videos from Alfie and his team as well as membership to a closed online

group so they can share their experiences as they get closer to the starting line.

The Morryston team have now taken part in a special training session with Alfie held in Cardiff which brought all the Angels together for the first time. After a series of talks by fitness experts from RUN 4 Wales they all took part in a short run which was filmed for the series which is following the women's progress and will be shown later this year.

After the session, the star tweeted "An amazing morning with the amazing @Alfies_Angels. Moved to tears and inspired by every one of them.xx"

Eve said: "The training

session was amazing, we were really motivated. They took us on the run which was supposed to be a mile – but ended up being nearly twice that – and Alfie was with us all the way.

"It has inspired us and we try to train together every week and do as much as we can on our own in between.

"All 100 of us will get together again on 4th September for another run of 6.6 miles so we should really be able to see the difference by then. We are then tackling the Swansea Bay 10k."

She added: "I can't say I have fallen in love with running yet, but this has helped me to change my lifestyle and be more active!"

Jewel in the crown hoists Green Flag



PICTURED (left to right): Alan Morgan (Community Trustee and Chair of the Board at Awen Cultural Trust), Coun Charles Smith, Coun Huw David, Chris Elmore MP, Coun Ceri Reeves and Coun John McCarthy.

BRYNGARW Park has received a Green Flag award from Keep Wales Tidy, and it was formally raised at an event attended by Ogmere MP, Chris Elmore, the Deputy Leader of Bridgend Council, Huw David, Couns Charles Smith, Ceri Reeves, John McCarthy, and Deputy Mayor, Cherie Jones – as well as members of the board of trustees, volunteers and staff. The MP said:

"The award really is well deserved. The park is fantastically beautiful and a pleasure to be in. "This is a real testament to the team of staff and volunteers which makes the park a great day out."

Coun Huw David described Blaengarw as "the jewel in Bridgend's crown", as he congratulated the team at the opening.

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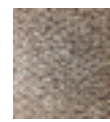
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Left to right: Rtn Neil Solmon; Roger Marsh, Rtms Wayne Morgan and Allan Brooks.

Rotarians hear of work to help earthquake victims

VICE-president Major Wayne Morgan MBE (in the chair), on behalf of Bridgend Rotary Club, welcomed Roger Marsh to their August dinner meeting.

The club had assisted Mr Marsh with sponsorship for an assignment to assist victims of the recent earthquakes.

The fully-qualified sacro-cranial, chiropractor and acupuncture specialist addressed the club on his experiences in Nepal, following the two major earthquakes.

He had spent nine weeks in Nepal, during which time he personally had treated some 60 patients, mainly with back and joint problems, many on several occasions giving some 330 treatments with very satisfactory results.

Roger had worked tirelessly from 7am - 11am and 4pm - 7pm daily in a temporary clinic consisting of a small basic room with no air-conditioning which was hot and humid with myriad flies and

mosquitoes. He described how upon his arrival in the capital Kathmandu, he was horrified by the extent of the devastation which was even more extensive in the remote village of Etay which was his destination.

The two major earthquakes (both over 7 on the Richter scale) had resulted in over 9,000 dead, 21,000 injured and 2 - 94 million people displaced. Twenty-six hospitals had been damaged and over half a million homes destroyed.

Past president Allan Brooks thanked Roger for his illuminating talk and presentation and said he was pleased that the support of the Rotary Club had helped to bring some comfort to the victims of the disaster.

Rotary is a fellowship organisation dedicated to helping those less fortunate than themselves both locally and internationally. Maybe you would like to join us? To find more about Rotary, contact www.rotarybridgend.org.uk or the secretary of the Rotary Club of Bridgend on 01656 652181.

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Roger Marsh and president-elect, Rtn Major Wayne Morgan MBE.

Outstanding local events boost Mayor's charities

THE Bridgend County Civic Charity and the Mayor of the county borough, Coun Reg Jenkins, have held two successful charity events.

The first was a coffee morning at Great House Hotel and Restaurant, Laleston, sponsored by Stephen and Norma Bond and the donation was £210.

The children's choir from Llangewydd School entertained to a very high standard, under the leadership of Ms Bethan Hatch.

At the end of the morning, the Mayor thanked everyone for attending, especially the parents of the children, and also the Great House for their welcome and donation. The weather was not favourable but the company, entertainment and coffee was first class.

On a Sunday afternoon in July, Heronsbridge School, Bridgend, was the venue for the 'Summer Party' with strawberries and cream. The entertainment was provided by soloist Anwen Angharad, who is

studying music at Cardiff University, and pupils of Ysgol y Ferch o'r Sgêr, with headteacher Mrs Rhianon Dixon and staff who sang Welsh folk songs. It put everyone in good spirits and for the outstanding tea.

This is a venue that gives the Civic Charity the scope to bring supporters, chosen charities and all sponsors together. We thank Talgarth Bakery, Tŷ Tanglwyst Dairy, and local Bridgend stores for their donations and for the charity members who also contributed. The afternoon brought £307 to the funds.

The Chosen Charities for 2016/2017 are: Kidney Wales Cymru Foundation for the Renal Department at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Crossroads Care Bridgend, Heronsbridge School Bridgend summer school.

The next charity event is an afternoon tea at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, in the company of Anwen Angharad, an enthusiastic and pleasant young artist, from 3pm to 5.30pm; admission £10, welcome to everyone! MM

Laleston WI
THE afternoon tea held on August 6 in Blandy Hall was a resounding success.

There was a superb selection of cakes and sandwiches available, all made by the members. The number of new guests attending was very encouraging and the WI looks forward to seeing them at the monthly meetings.

All members were happy to welcome back Margaret Ayles; she had been seriously ill and attended along with her husband, Graham.

On a sad note, the members had to remember their dear friend, Joan Rule, a member of Laleston WI for almost 40 years. Joan passed away on July 24 after a short illness and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. All members of Laleston WI send their sincere condolences to Brian and family.

The committee members worked extremely hard to make the day a success and deserve a big 'thank you'.

Our next meeting will be held on September 1 at 7.15pm in Blandy Hall (Laleston Gardening Club) and we will be holding a Harvest Auction. New members are always welcome. The WI will resume its monthly luncheon club and book club shortly; dates to be announced.

For further information, call Diane on 01656 656600

Horticultural Club

THE annual horticultural show is taking place on Saturday, August 20 at the community centre known as The Green Hut; public admission at 2pm.

Exhibits can be entered into the following classes: tomatoes, cabbages, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, onions, courgettes, peppers, lettuces, beetroot, chillies, a salad box, rhubarb, pears, apples, plums, a vase of cut flowers, a pot of homemade jam, a pot of chutney, a posy of herbs, the longest runner bean, five different vegetables in a box, funniest shaped fruit or vegetable, open class - anything not listed above.

Local allotments will also be judged and there will be a plant sale, with hot drinks and cakes

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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also for sale, plus a raffle.

On August 21 members of the club are going to Dyffryn Gardens for a picnic.

Fun quiz BRIDGEND & District Quiz League will be holding a fun, free to enter general knowledge quiz on Monday, September 12 at Tondy Railway Club at 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be a free buffet.

Teams, old and new, from the area are welcome to join the League proper and can register at the venue.

Further details at bridgendquiz.com or from Steve on 01656 722754

Charity events

BRIDGEND Mayor, Coun Reg Jenkins, is holding a series of events to raise funds for the following charities: Kidney Wales Foundation for the renal department, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Crossroads Care Bridgend, Summer School at Heronsbridge Special School, Bridgend.

The next event is on Sunday, August 21 from 3pm to 5.30pm in the Hi-Tide Inn.

Porthcawl - afternoon tea with soloist Anwen Angharad who will sing 'a medley of Welsh songs and more'.

Tickets £10 and everyone is invited.

To book tickets or request information, contact Mrs Mari Major MBE: 01656 651491 or Coun Marlene Thomas: 01656 871439.

Mining disaster

ONE of the worst disasters in the south Wales coalfields occurred at the Parc Slip coal drift mine, Aberkenfig near Tondy when owned by North's Navigation Company.

In the early 1890s a workforce of men and boys numbering under two hundred was producing 300 tons of coal a day from two faces.

On August 26, 1892 there were 146 men and

boys in the mine. At 8.20am in the morning there was a massive explosion.

There were two survivors in a pumping station 60 metres inside the mine, and at first it was believed they were the only survivors.

At six o'clock the following morning, rescuers were about to give up when four survivors appeared out of the darkness and directed rescuers to where others were found alive. By 4pm, they had brought out a total of 43 miners alive, the final death toll was 112 men and boys.

Thirty-nine miners survived the disaster, 14 of them being led out by 62-year-old William Richards, nicknamed 'Y Dderwen' (The Oak) who received the Victoria medal. He died in 1898 and is buried in Coity churchyard.

One family the Lyddons had eight members working in the mine on that fateful day, of whom only two survived. The victims included very young boys.

It was two months after the explosion that the last body was recovered. The mine closed in 1904.

On the site of the mine there is now a monument consisting of 112 stones, to represent each of the miners, situated in Parc Slip nature reserve.

Events

ON Saturday, August 27 Tondy Horticultural Society will be holding its annual show in the Tondy Railway Club. The exhibits on show will be outstanding; I have never seen such glorious flower and vegetable arrangements before.

Bridgend Male Voice Choir, under its new musical director Ryan Wood will be holding its annual concert on Friday, September 9 at the Tabernacle Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend.

Cefn Cribwr Athletic Club holds a New Orleans and Dixieland jazz evening with Bill Davies and the Dixie Landers on September 22 at 8pm. The club is located

on Cefn Road, CF32 0BA and tickets cost £5 from Jill on 01656 740026.

The environment
I HAVE just spent seven days in Shropshire, and in contrast to Bridgend, at Church Stretton, Bridgenorth and Ludlow (all major towns) there was no litter: it was obviously taken home!

Grass verges were neat and tidy, no weeds strewn over the pavements. Why aren't residents in Bridgend county protecting their environment? I live in Sarn and it is disgusting. The leader of Bridgend Council also lives in Sarn.

As it stands, Bridgend county is neglected and dirty; litter bins are ignored, dogs' mess left on the pavements, broken glass everywhere. The grass is up to our knees in many places.

Bridgend is a beautiful area, why don't the council and residents look after its environment?

Choir call
MAESTEG Gleemen Male Voice Choir rehearses on Monday and Thursday at the Royal British Legion Club, Maesteg; visitors and prospective new members are invited to sit in and listen.

The choir has recently returned from a tour of the north of England and the south of Scotland, where it provided entertainment in Carlisle at a packed Wigan Bowling Club and in Musselburgh's Brunton Theatre, where it sang alongside six other choirs.

Musselburgh is recognized as one of the oldest towns in Scotland, and was colonised by the Romans in AD80.

On September 3 the choir will perform in its annual concert at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Brynmawr Place, Maesteg at 7pm; tickets £8, can be obtained from any chorister, or from John on 01656 739365/ 735007.

Cowbridge retains its top spot in the Welsh property league table

FIGURES released by a property website have put Cowbridge at the top of the Welsh property price league, with Dinas Powys and Penarth also in the top six.

The average price of a home in Cowbridge, according to Zoopla's Z Index, is now £429,471, a full £89,000 more than the second-placed town, Usk, in Monmouthshire.

Dinas Powys is fourth in the table, with an average property price of £303,442, while Penarth is in sixth place, with £301,609.

The same company produces a top ten of streets, and Primrose Hill in Cowbridge comes in at number three, with an average price, says Zoopla, of over one million pounds.

As with so many lists, it all depends on how the list is compiled. Earlier this year, Sanderling Way in Porthcawl was proclaimed 'the most expensive street in Wales' - but this was based on actual house sales recorded at the Land Registry.

Sanderling Way does not make the Zoopla list, and Primrose Hill did not make the Land Registry list.

At the time, it was argued that Sanderling Way had hit the top spot because one particular house had sold for around £2 million, pushing the average up. Primrose Hill's absence from the same list, may well have been because no houses were sold during the period measured by the Land Registry.

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New learners' choir shone at National Eisteddfod



LEFT: The choir pictured backstage at the National Eisteddfod.

JUST over six months ago, 'Cor Dysgwyr Porthcawl' was formed with learners from several Welsh classes in the area and members of the weekly 'Bore Coffi' sessions.

The original aim was to compete at a regional eisteddfod. After winning at this event in March, the choir was then invited to compete at the National Eisteddfod in Abergavenny.

On August 4, the choir travelled to the town to compete in the Welsh Learners' Choir category. Five choirs took part in the preliminary round and Porthcawl was one of three finalists chosen to perform on the Eisteddfod Pavilion stage.

Once again, the choir gave an excellent performance and gained third place, which was an incredible

achievement against more experienced choirs. It was praised for superb blending of the four voices.

As part of its preparation, the choir had organised a concert at Tabernacl Chapel, Porthcawl in July as a fundraiser for the Urdd eisteddfod, which will take place in Bridgend in 2017.

The choir is indebted to Mrs Anne Brown, local music teacher and musical director of Côr y Dysgwyr. Without her expert guidance and experience, the choir would never have achieved this success in such a short time.

The Eisteddfod experience has given the choir members added impetus to continue singing and they look forward to performing as a choir again in the very near future **IC**

Open Gardens Trail raised £5,533 for the Children's Society

THE final total raised from the Open Gardens Trail for The Children's Society, was £5,533, and on behalf of the society, thanks go to the following:

Jane Starling, 164 Redlands Road, Ann Dobbins, 68 Redlands Road, Diana Mead, 77 Coleridge Avenue, Elizabeth and Humphrey Palmer, 82 Plymouth Road, Chris and Rob Edwards, 135 Plymouth Road, Freda Welch, 133 Westbourne Road, and Jon and Judy Dewis, Cosmeston Cottages, Lavernock Road.

Also, the inspiring children's garden at the public library and the wonderful allotments in Westbourne Road.

It's your support, hard work

and dedication, that enthralls the visitors each year, which in turn raises much-needed funds for the society, as we mark the 20th anniversary of this popular event.

Thank you also to The GEM, for their invaluable publicity.

Ann Lush MBE

(Hon vice-president of The Children's Society and chairman, Penarth fundraising committee).

COACH TRIP

There are a few seats available on a coach going to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales on Thursday, September 22 leaving All Saints' Church at 9.30am.

For further information, call Ann Lush on 02920 703547 or Sue Bailey on 02920 700002.

Can you host the World's Biggest Coffee Morning?

THE World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support is set to take place on Friday, September 30, and the charity is asking GEM readers to host a coffee morning for friends, family, classmates, or colleagues.

"In Wales, more than 19,000 people are diagnosed with cancer every year. Our goal is to make sure no one faces cancer alone, a spokeswoman said.

"We provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support, as well as campaigning for better cancer care."

"Last year, more than 12,500 people in Wales signed up to hold Macmillan coffee mornings to raise funds to

help people affected by cancer.

"The money raised helps to pay for Macmillan professionals working in Wales to help people affected by cancer including our specialist cancer nurses, welfare benefits advisers, speech therapists, physiotherapists and dietitians.

"If you'd like to find out more about holding a coffee morning for Macmillan, you can visit our website to request a free Coffee Morning Kit at <http://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>. It has everything you need to host a brilliant coffee morning."

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WWII fighter pilot's poem centre of unique event

ST ATHAN will be centre of a unique project that will see a poem written by a World War Two Spitfire pilot recited simultaneously across the world.

On August 18, 1941, at Llandow Airfield in the Vale, Spitfire pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jr wrote a poem *High Flight*.

It became the official poem of the Royal Canadian Air Force and is inscribed on memorials all over the world.

The poem also features as part of The BBC Battle of Britain Commemorations.

Pilot Officer John Magee Jr died three months after writing the poem in a mid-air collision near Lincoln.

At 12 midday, by permission of the Commanding Officer, MoD St Athan, *High Flight* will be recited simultaneously all over the world, including China, Canada, USA, Australia and the Netherlands, as well as MoD St Athan.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Stuart Egan will be joined by HM Deputy Lord Lieutenant Colin Jones and officers representing the RAF, as well as veterans.

John Gillespie Magee Jr is survived by his brother, the Rev Canon Hugh Magee, who, along with his wife Yvonne, will be attending with the

instigator of the event, Dr Jay Pinto. The service will start at 11.45am in the Multi Faith Centre at MoD St Athan, CF62 4WA, and concludes with a celebratory concert by the Birmingham-based vintage-inspired trio, 'The Glamophones'.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth

And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;

Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth

of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred things

You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,

I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung

My eager craft through footless halls of air...

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue

I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace.

Where never lark, or even eagle flew –

And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod

The high untrespassed sanctity of space,

– Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Watch words on crime in countryside are that 'prevention is better than cure'

by GEM REPORTER

AT the Vale Show on August 10, representatives from Rural Watch – operated by Safer Vale and Safer Bridgend – were on hand to give advice to the rural community, both professionals such as landowners and farmers.

According to recent analysis by NFU Mutual of claims, across the UK, rural crime to the value of some £42.5m was committed in 2015.

Costs in Scotland were, at £1.8m, the lowest in the UK, closely followed by Wales at £2m. The value in Northern Ireland amounted to £2.7m with England making up the remainder.

Safer Vale is a partnership between South Wales Police and the Vale Council. Safer Bridgend is Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the local force.

Officers and PCSOs, and council staff with colleagues from Victim Support, work together on the region-wide programme.

Speaking after the show, Gethin Robinson, employed by the Vale Council as a community safety manager, explained how the scheme works in the Vale.

"First, I want to reassure residents that it's an improving picture in the Vale. The rural Vale remains generally a safe place to live, work and do business."

"Rural Watch is similar to Neighbourhood Watch; the main difference being that your closest 'neighbour' in the countryside might be a mile or two away, not next door."

Mr Robinson said that prevention was better than cure.

"It's the basics, really. Shut gates; don't leave vehicles – especially quadbikes or 4X4s – or equipment in plain sight, although with a 30-foot trailer, that's not so easy."

He added that people in rural areas often have a good nose for strangers who may innocently be out for a drive, and more transient visitors.

"We do see trends, which can be seasonal – such as flygrazing in the Vale, although I am not aware of any rustling or poaching in the area – but again, it comes

down to common sense.

"Keep gates shut, put signage up warning that you're part of Rural Watch and have CCTV, and fit tracking devices to expensive equipment."

"Residents and businesspeople in the Vale can also sign up for 'community messaging'," said Mr Robinson.

"It's really simple – and it works. A person registers and then receives an email, telephone call or fax about incidents in their area."

"These schemes raise awareness and give a voice to all in the rural community, and I encourage all residents in our rural areas to become involved."

Visit safervale.co.uk and www.saferbridgend.org.uk for more information. Telephone 999 in an emergency or 101 for less urgent matters.

GEM staff (and Vale Show visitors) boost Marie Curie hospice...



Vanessa, Jan and Wendy from The GEM at the show.

MARIE CURIE Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, is to receive £336.65 – after the GEM sales staff organised a special raffle at the Vale of Glamorgan show!

Thanks to the following local businesses for their kind donations to our raffle, and to everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

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Syrian refugees will be housed in private sector

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Syrian refugees resettling in the UK are allowed to bring their immediate family with them and are subject to strict Home Office vetting procedures.

Coun Hailey Townsend, BCBC's cabinet member for

children's social services and equalities, said: "These are obviously extremely vulnerable people who are fleeing a war zone, and we have been working very closely with our partners to consider all aspects of how we can best support their complex needs."

"Those who are accepted on the resettlement programme will be granted refugee status, meaning that they will be able to live, work and contribute to life in this country."

"To ensure that waiting times on the Bridgend Common Housing Register will not be affected, we are working with housing associations to provide homes in the private rented sector for the refugee families, and funding is being provided by the UK Government to help the council and other agencies support them for up to five years."

"If it is still unsafe for the refugees to return home after five years, they will be able to apply to the UK Government to remain in the UK."

Council Leader Mel Nott added: "I'm proud that Bridgend County Borough Council is doing its bit to help refugees who have been forced to leave everything that is familiar to them and undertake desperate measures to try and ensure the safety of their family. I hope that residents will welcome and support them, too."

'Brian Doel was a friend to everyone'

THE GEM MOURNS FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BRIAN DOEL, a newspaperman known throughout the newspaper industry, and particularly in the West Country and south Wales, died suddenly last weekend on August 13.

He was with the Tindle Newspaper Group for many years as its Chief Executive.

In that capacity, he was responsible for 200 local newspapers (including The Glamorgan GEM) and three radio stations. Although he retired from TNL in 2014, he certainly did not retire from the newspaper life he loved, and he also remained as chairman of the radio group owned by TNG.

As the owner of 51 per cent of the Sunday Independent in Cornwall, he steered that newspaper successfully through a major battle with another paper and received the congratulations of many in the industry. He was well liked by all who knew him.

His sudden death has upset everyone who knew him. He leaves a widow, Sam, and a daughter, Alexandra.

Sir Ray Tindle, Chairman of the Tindle Newspaper Group,

said: "Brian had been a superb CEO, a brilliant editor and a friend to everyone."

"He was the man who took on the onerous task of running our group of almost 200 papers and radio stations when I first went down with cancer."

"He took the group, including radio, to new heights. I am shocked and greatly saddened by the loss of Brian".

GEM Editor Don John writes: *Everyone here was stunned to hear the tragic news of Brian's death, for he was a man held in particularly high esteem by our staff.*

He made no secret of his special affection for this newspaper - which he had played such a prominent role in nurturing - and in return, was highly respected by the staff, especially those who were proud to have known and worked alongside him for over two decades.

In past years, he had been a regular presence at our head offices in Cowbridge, as part of his wider responsibilities, where his legendary professionalism and warm, human qualities were very much admired.

The Glamorgan GEM has lost a good friend and we join in extending our very deepest sympathy to his grieving family.



ABOVE: The late Brian Doel, whose sudden death has shocked the newspaper industry.

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Janine and Daniel

IT'S every parent's worst nightmare to be told their newborn baby has a life-limiting condition.

When Janine Bennett from Cardiff was pregnant, there was no indication that anything was wrong with her unborn son.

But as soon as Daniel was born, he stopped breathing for six minutes and was rushed to a neonatal unit where he was resuscitated.

A few weeks later, Janine and her husband Clive were told the devastating news that their son, Daniel, had a rare genetic neuromuscular condition called myotubular myopathy.

Soon after the diagnosis, they visited Tŷ Hafan to see if it was somewhere they'd feel comfortable for Daniel to spend the rest of his short life.

Janine, a production planner at GE Healthcare, said: "When we visited we were really, really surprised. It is just such a sanctuary. From having no hope, we were given hope and we knew it was somewhere

we wanted to be." Sadly, the family never made it to Tŷ Hafan in Sully as Daniel's condition deteriorated quite quickly.

Before Daniel lost his battle at five weeks old, Tracy Hill, their Tŷ Hafan family support practitioner, supported the family at hospital.

Janine said: "Tracy made us feel normal. Even for a short time, she helped us feel like a normal family. She came to the hospital several times and helped with feet and hand impressions and memory jewellery. She also brought in a cuddly toy as it was Easter time."

Tŷ Hafan's support never stops for the bereaved. Janine and Clive often visit the hospice and Tracy still keeps in touch to offer the family support when they need it.

Janine said: "At the end of last year I was really struggling. Tracy was there to offer a calm and gentle new perspective. Her support has been invaluable."

"Tŷ Hafan is like a reassuring arm. I don't know what we would have done without them.

They helped us create precious memories with our son and have helped us deal with something that we'd be struggling to come to terms with on our own."

As a way of giving something back to the charity, Janine has been fundraising through her employer and supports Tŷ Hafan by playing the charity's popular 'Crackerjackpot' lottery every week.

Little did she know that less than a year after beginning playing, she would receive a phone call telling her she had scooped the weekly guaranteed top prize of £2,000.

Janine said: "I couldn't believe it when I found out. It's was such a lovely surprise. We are going to spend some of our winnings on a holiday to Cornwall this month to celebrate my birthday. Our lovely cat Milly-Moonbeam will also be joining us!"

Janine added: "The lottery is a great fun way to support Tŷ Hafan and you are doing something to help people on your doorstep. I am going to encourage everyone I work with to play."

"We are going to continue supporting Tŷ Hafan in any way we can."

"All the tears we've shed and the torment we've experienced is worth it knowing we are supporting other families in the same situation and helping them have the same happiness we did, even if it's for a short period."

Janine's colleagues are preparing for their second fundraising walk next spring, after



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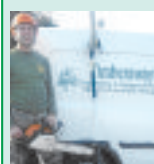


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'Back Welsh Farming' campaign at Show

NFU Cymru's 'It's Time to Back Welsh Farming' campaign rolled into roadside fields leading to the Vale of Glamorgan Show last week.

'It's Time to Back Welsh Farming' bale stickers were strategically positioned along the main routes to the showground at Fônnon Castle Park.

Abi Reader, Glamorgan NFU Cymru county chairman, said: "NFU Cymru has always taken the lead when it comes to championing public support for our Welsh farmers, so it's great to see the 'It's Time to Back Welsh Farming' campaign gathering further momentum in my home county, at such a pivotal time for the industry."



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'Inspirational' college students collect awards for adult learners...



ABOVE: Vale Inspire Award winners with Vale AM Jane Hutt and Coun Eddie Egan, deputy Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

FIFTEEN students from Cardiff and Vale College have been recognised for their inspirational work and dedication at a special ceremony to honour adult learners.

Organised by the Vale Learning Network, the Vale Inspire Awards 2016 celebrate lifelong learning in the Vale. Held at the college's Suite restaurant at its Barry campus, the awards were presented by the Vale's AM Jane Hutt and Deputy Mayor Coun Eddie Egan.

Gareth Williams won apprentice of the year.

Careers Wales advice for school leavers

THOUSANDS of students across Bridgend county borough are receiving their A-level results today, hoping to progress into full-time education, or the workplace.

Careers Wales will be offering dedicated results days services, including A-level webinars, social media support and a Careers Wales Connect telephone advice line. The national advice service's 'Are You Ready for Work?' roadshow is in Swansea city centre for A-level results day, and Cardiff for GCSE results day.

The Careers Wales helpline will be available Monday to Friday from 9am - 6pm on 0800 028 4844 to those receiving A-level and GCSE results.

Gareth, an apprentice with CAVC and personal trainer service Barry FITM8, overcame personal difficulties and is now training to be an instructor and hopes to progress on to becoming a personal trainer.

The health and wellbeing award went to Jordan Leach who, despite facing numerous barriers in life, found that returning to education contributed massively to his mental health and wellbeing.

Jordan has been able to update his skills, apply for new jobs and is now on a CAVC Foundation degree in law. He hopes to progress on to university to top up to a full degree, and then pursue a legal career.

Roda Hussein received the lifelong learning award. Roda had no English when she came to the UK from Somalia aged 12 and was bullied at school. She applied to CAVC to study health sciences but was signposted to ESOL (English for speakers of other languages).

From ESOL, Roda progressed to a Level 2 business diploma and then Level 3. She was accepted by Cardiff Metropolitan University to study a degree in international business management and plans to become a social entrepreneur.

"It's amazing to win this award," Roda, who is also a CAVC Community Governor, said. "I'm blessed to represent my community at the college - it's been like a second home to me."

Charlotte Mould won the progression award, having progressed from Level 1 Health and Social Care through Level 2 and Level 3, achieving the highest grades. Despite thinking she would never qualify for university, in part due to her dyslexia, Charlotte has received an offer from Swansea University

to study BSc mental health nursing.

Four CAVC learners also received awards for progression into higher education: Shahana Raahat-Hussein, Megan Harrington, Spencer Penn and Andrew Gwynne.

Junaid Akmal, who received a progression to work award, lost an arm at early age and was fitted with a prosthetic arm. An infrequent attendee at school, Junaid initially did not enjoy his entry level course at CAVC, but he and his tutor were able to set specific targets with the aim of getting him into work.

Junaid is now working at the Royal Mail sorting office in Cardiff, and is waiting to find out if he will be awarded a permanent contract.

The tutor award went to Leham Abraham, who originally came to the UK as an asylum seeker and enrolled on an ESOL course with CAVC in 2004. She progressed over the next few years and successfully achieved a Level 2 diploma in business.

Always supportive of her fellow students on the courses she took, Leham volunteered as an assistant to her college department. She has completed the Level 3 ESOL practitioners course and is now an adult learning support worker. She has taught across a number of CAVC courses and within the community and is studying for her postgraduate certificate in education at the college.

Harry Cole and Sabrina Islam both won young learner awards. Abouzar Noghani won the Sports Development Award for his work in supporting the CAVC ESOL football team and progressing from an ESOL course to a Sports Coaching degree from the University of Glamorgan.

Abouzar has worked with CCFC's under-21 team and is moving to Lisbon to join the coaching team at a Portuguese club.

Mark Rees was honoured with the role model award as a health and wellbeing learner and has turned his life around, losing six stone before starting the course and completely transforming his approach to health.

Mark has recently run in the Cardiff Half Marathon, set up cricket tester days for fellow CAVC students and volunteers for Welsh Gymnastics, supporting heats for children with disabilities. He now wants to use his experience to inspire others and aims to become a fitness trainer.

The overall Vale Inspire Award also went to a CAVC student. Lydia Evans came to CAVC to study childcare as a young single mother who was living in difficult conditions and was often supported by the student emergency fund.

An excellent student who always achieved top grades despite having to make many sacrifices, Lydia applied for sessional work at Flying Start and has now been taken on as a full time practitioner.

Aviation company AerFin was also recognised for its work in supporting CAVC's aircraft engineering students.

Jane Hutt AM said: "The stories of all of the winners we have heard this evening are so positive - they are absolutely remarkable. They have done through ambition, energy and skill and with the backing others, the Vale Learning Network and College tutors."

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Cardiff and Vale College joins forces with leading universities to increase its range of courses in higher education

CARDIFF and Vale College (CAVC) has partnered with a range of leading universities to increase its provision of higher education courses.

The college has doubled the number of university courses on offer, introducing a range of new and exciting degree options. People can study for a university degree of their choice at CAVC, and places are still available for the 2016/17 academic year.

Going to a local college makes it possible to gain a university education without the cost of leaving home to study. CAVC's wide range of higher education courses are offered in partnership with leading universities from across the country – from foundation degrees that can be topped up, to a full degree by taking a third year in university – right up to postgraduate study with the PGCE teaching qualification.

From game art and design to finance, the courses are designed to meet the needs of employers from across

the region and beyond, equipping graduates with the skills and expertise to address job market demands.

Students can benefit from the outstanding facilities on offer at the college, including a dedicated higher education centre in its £45m new city centre campus in Cardiff. The emphasis is on learning in an environment which fully prepares students for the world of work.

CAVC's industry-standard facilities, including the internationally recognised Cardiff International Sports Campus in Leckwith and the International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) as well as the college's extensive creative studios and workshops, stand CAVC graduates in good stead for their future careers.

Further advantages of higher level study at the college include access to both college and university facilities, staying close to home while studying which saves money on travel and accommodation, and part-time study to fit in with work or other commitments.

The college works alongside the University College Birmingham and

Buckingham New University, Cardiff Met, Kingston University, the University of South Wales and University of West London, giving people the opportunity to gain university-level qualifications in a range of subjects. Many are unique to the region.

Courses include a new airline and airport management degree, which is based at ICAT. This internationally-renowned facility, based at Cardiff Airport, includes classrooms as well as specialist workshops, laboratories and a real-life hangar with aircraft.

Lewis Richmond is studying for a bachelor of science degree in aircraft engineering at ICAT. CAVC students such as Lewis can progress from Level 3 courses on to the college's HE programme.

"I've always been interested in engineering but I wasn't sure what field was for me," Lewis said. "Aircraft engineering covered the key areas I was looking for; hydraulics, pneumatics and electrics."

"I progressed on to the BSc Honours Degree from the Level 3 course here at CAVC. That course really opens your eyes to how much goes on inside an aircraft and it highlighted that this was the industry for me."

"The college has a link with British Airways, which is based just around the corner. It's a great way to learn and a stepping stone for getting into the industry. I've had a six-week placement with BA previously and have another three-week block coming up soon." Daniel Lock, who is studying the HND in computing, said: "I've been studying IT at the

college and this HND course is great as it's more in-depth at this level and is delivered in partnership with the University of South Wales. I've experienced website development as well as programming, databases and now practical aspects such as digital media – which involve Photoshop, HTML and producing websites.

"These skills are really transferable. The tutors are very helpful – I can always ask them for advice whenever I need it."

New and established foundation degrees and HND/Cs on offer include hospitality, tourism and events management; fashion styling; electrical engineering; performing arts; film; psychology; product design; ceramics; care; service sector management; graphic communications; textiles; sport coaching; photography; popular music technology; business; IT; teaching and more.

Students at CAVC are reputed to be among the most satisfied in the country, with the college rated above the national average for teaching and learning. The college has a 90 per cent success rate for students studying university level courses, which is 11.4 per cent up on the national comparator, and the college has specialist lecturers who are fully engaged with their industries and the latest trends and developments.

There is also a bursary scheme for all HE learners on full-time or part-time courses.

There is still time to find a place on a higher education course at Cardiff and Vale College that starts in September for the 2016-17 academic year. Call the college's clearing team on 029 20 250 382 or visit an open enrolment day at Cardiff City Centre Campus, Dumballs Road, or the Barry Campus on Colcot Road on Wednesday, August 31 from 10am – 7.30pm.

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY On Sentinel duty to watch out for pests!

THE beekeeping year is well advanced now; swarming has been a factor for me to handle here at the apiary, plus multiple calls from the public to deal with swarms on and in their properties.

Swarming is not at all unusual; it is, after all, how honeybees secure the survival of the species – it is just that some years, swarming is more pronounced than others.

To date, I have carried out one in-depth examination of the colonies at Fonmon apiary in my

role of Sentinel apiary! Throughout the British Isles, I and other beekeepers have been asked to play our part, in conjunction with the National Bee Unit inspectors, in early detection of exotic pests that threaten the existence of the bees.

This month, the local inspector (Dinah Sweet) from Caerphilly has paid me a visit and has informed me that there will now be three inspections per year instead of two, due to the increased threat of exotica appearing.

What are these exotic pests? 1: Tropilaelaps – another mite in the same category as the already well-established varroa mite. 2: The Small Hive Beetle – this, as the name suggests, is a beetle that, unlike the fluid-sucking mites, will completely trash a colony of honeybees. 3: The Asian Hornet – this hornet is a predator of honeybees, it will patrol the area of a hive and, given the opportunity, it will kill bees and eventually bring about colony failure.

Can I stress that we do not have any confirmed findings of the above mentioned species to date. However, it is only a matter of time! And as we have a penchant for shipping foodstuffs and materials around the world, we do assist many alien species be they plant or animal to invade areas where natural barriers would prevent such occurrences.

As I have mentioned the year is moving on and our literature is reminding us to look to preparing our bees for the coming winter. The times they are a-changing and it will be the weather and the state of the colonies, not the calendar, that must guide us.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Campaigning group secures deal for elderly home owners

A CAMPAIGNING group for older people says that building societies are changing their rules on lending to the elderly after intensive lobbying by the group.

At the 2016 annual general meeting of the Principality Building Society in Cardiff, chief executive officer Graeme Howes confirmed that the society would be revising its lending policy for older customers.

The effect could be that more people will be able to stay in their homes, rather than move to a care home.

In previous years, lending to people in this category hasn't been considered on a case by case basis, as age caps are in place across the mortgage industry.

Mortgage companies see their main business as younger customers in many cases those wishing to get on the property ladder.

Howard Lewis, the chairman of the United Kingdom Older Peoples' Advisory Group and a co-director of Change Agents Network UK Ltd – a type of co-operative – had raised this subject previously with Principality and, subsequently, congratulated the board on its decision to look again at lending into retirement and the lending needs of older people.

Mr Yorston acknowledged that the persistence of people such as Mr Lewis had kept this issue at the top of their agenda.

Mr Lewis said that



ABOVE: Howard Lewis speaking at the Principality AGM. (Photo by Paul Jones).

older housing stock is often found to be unsuitable for the elderly or infirm, often forcing them to move – or even enter care homes or hospital, with all their associated costs.

The possibility of loans to senior citizens to enable any necessary modifications to be carried out is, said Mr Lewis, a huge step forward.

He added: "It's been encouraging to learn on the news that other companies have since raised the age 'ceiling' to which finance may be borrowed."

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AS A FAMILY MOVIE, PETE'S DRAGON IS JUST 'ROARSOME'

ASIDE from its clever mix of live-action and animation, 1977's *Pete's Dragon* isn't a film that particularly lives long in the memory

Unsurprisingly then, that it's a film ripe for remaking as director David Lowery shepherds *Pete's Dragon* into cinemas for a 21st-century audience.

Its stars Oakes Fegley as Pete, a young boy orphaned after a car accident who is found

and looked after by the eponymous dragon of the title, a creature Pete names Elliott.

Eight years later and Pete is found in the woods by park ranger Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard). Returned to civilisation, Pete is initially mistrusting of the people who want to help him, but when Elliott goes looking for Pete and is found by logger Gavin (Karl Urban), he is forced to put his faith in Grace, her father Meacham (Robert Redford), her partner (and Gavin's brother) Jack (Wes Bentley) and his

daughter Natalie (Oona Laurence) in order to save Elliott...

Director David Lowery isn't the first name you would associate with the remaking of a family film; his 2013 breakthrough *Ain't Them Bodies Saints* was the tale of an escaped outlaw reuniting with the family he'd never met, and yet while on the surface it would seem an ill-fit, digging beneath the layers there's plenty to connect it to *Pete's Dragon*.

You have the underlying sense of family, the need to find both solace and resolution with that, and the notion that what drives us to do anything is the desire to be accepted by our loved ones.

Thematically there is a sense of parallel lines here (albeit with added CGI dragon), and yet what makes *Pete's Dragon* soar is the way it takes its cues from the family films of the 1980s in that it places story and character head and shoulders above anything else, resulting in a heartfelt and absorbing slice of

cinema.

The fact that the impressively-rendered Elliott feels almost like an afterthought shows where Lowery places the emphasis, having had a hand in writing the script.

The film has an earthy, non-fantastical feel, low-key and yet amidst the dragon shenanigans there is a weight placed on the story.

The opening is both heartbreakingly sad and then uplifting, and this sets the tone for the film throughout, moments of emotional resonance rubbing against exhilarating sequences. It is an assured outing for Lowery, who hasn't sacrificed his directorial instincts when being given a broader and more expansive canvas to work on.

The film carries an almost timeless feel, yet feels as though it is rooted in the late 1970s-early 1980s, perhaps a genuine nod to the impact the films of Amblin, for example, had on this production.

The cast are all superb, with Oakes Fegley delivering one

of the most impressive young turns seen in a long while. We've seen how youngsters sometime struggle to work in a CGI-heavy environment (*The Jungle Book* most notably) yet Fegley nails the interaction with Elliott, while his post-rescue struggle to come to terms with the world is reminiscent of Jacob Tremblay's performance in *Room*.

Bryce Dallas Howard offers a warm shoulder of support as the adult that Pete most connects with, while Oona Laurence's Natalie shares a likeable chemistry with Fegley.

Robert Redford's grizzled old story teller (he is the only person in the town to have seen the dragon) is a neat little turn, while Karl Urban's 'villain' is the latest in the line of slightly pompous, buffoonish characters that these films thrive on, the actor relishing the role.

And yet for all the human performances, it

is the realisation of Elliott that is the key to how good the film is. An odd blend of dragon with a canine-like face, he has all the attributes of a young puppy and as such is easy to fall for as Pete cares for him and vice-versa.

Their relationship is central to the film as a whole, but Elliott himself is superbly brought to life.

In a summer that has seen films with the visual volume turned up crash and burn, it's a pleasure to see something so beautifully crafted and subtle as this.

It is a family film and makes no bones about it, but under the auspices of David Lowery it becomes something far more substantial and satisfying – *Pete's Dragon* is a roar-some film!

VERDICT – A brilliant film that is one of the most surprisingly enjoyable films not just of the summer but of the year so far, there is

so much to savour and enjoy about *Pete's Dragon*.

David Lowery's sensitive direction, superb performances and an engaging and uplifting story all converge to make a truly satisfying film. Highly recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKE: *Super 8* (2011), *ET* (1982).



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back to School



Pandora Christie.

Help is at hand on exam results day

THE Department for Education's exam results helpline is back, following the success of last year, when it supported over 9,500 students who received their A Level and GCSE

results, and it will open on A-Level results day today (August 18).

KISS FM presenter Pandora Christie is supporting the helpline and wants to make sure that all young people are aware of it: "Getting exam results is a nerve racking time.

"When I did my exams, there were subjects that I loved – like English language, drama, history and Spanish – so I enjoyed studying for them.

"But I really struggled with maths and science for some reason; I just couldn't get my head around it, even with extra tuition.

"I remember sitting in the exam room sweating and dreading it, looking at my physics paper and thinking – I don't understand any of this, can someone help?"

"When I got my results I found that I did well in most subjects... apart from maths and science, which I got a D for. After my GCSEs, I went straight into employment and signed up to a casting agency, but I later went on to do an AS in Spanish.

"I thought about going to university to do a drama degree, but I started to get a lot of acting jobs, so I never got round to applying.

"It's funny the way that things work out and that's why you shouldn't despair or panic when you get your exam results!

"When it's time, first of all, don't panic! The advisers at the Exam Results Helpline will be ready and waiting to give you the advice you need."

The Exam Results Helpline – 0800 100 8000 – opens on August

18 and remains open every day until August 31, so that students can call in to talk through their options.

Specialist Careers Advisers will be ready to provide guidance on a range of topics including resits, vocational courses, gap years, funding, careers and employment.

Students who are reconsidering their options based on results they have or have not achieved, should contact the Exam Results Helpline on 0800 100 8000.

If a student has a specific query about their university application, he or she should contact the UCAS Contact Centre on 0871 468 0468.

• For further information, visit www.ucas.com/examresultshelpline

Good response to the Western Front display

THE team manning the Western Front Association's tent at the Vale Show last week got a lot of very appreciative comments from visitors about the display of medals and artefacts.

Unsurprisingly, as the centenary of the Battle of Mametz Wood has only just passed, the display about the battle attracted a lot of attention, often from people whose ancestors had fought there.

A display of medals of members of the Glamorgan Yeomanry also attracted a lot of interest, again because of family connections with the regiment which served in Egypt during the war.

We had a steady flow of visitors of all ages throughout the day. The weapons on display

caught the attention of many of the children, but quite a few seemed to be as interested in learning more about the war having come across it at school.

Quite a few of the grown-ups were interested in aspects of the war and, hopefully, learned a lot from talking to members of our team.

The general view seemed to be that the war was a dreadful waste, but that those who fought it for us should never be forgotten.

The south Wales branch of the association meets in Cardiff on the first Friday of the month at 7pm for 7.30pm at the Conservative Club in Ely Road. New members are always welcome and you can see more about our activities in the branch's page on the WFA website.

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Family walk for Macmillan

ON Sunday, September 4, at 10am, Derek, 'The Weatherman Walking', will wave walkers off from The Llantrisant Leisure Centre for an eight-mile walk along footpaths that are wheelchair, pushchair and child friendly.

The Llantrisant Walk is one for the whole family and the day will be packed with fun and fundraising, plus a chance to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

"Why not make this your last fun challenge of the summer?" a spokeswoman said.

"There will be an 'after walk party' where you can kick off your walking boots and

enjoy a free party with a DJ, an amazing ukulele band and a bouncy castle in the Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

"The Llantrisant Walk is hosted by The Pontyclun and District Macmillan fundraising group and MPS Healthcare Ltd is the main sponsor for the 2016 event.

The registration fee is £10 and includes t-shirt, goody bag and Macmillan Walk 2016 medal memento.

Children under 12 walk free, but will still get a goody bag, a medal and an invitation to the party."

To register online, visit the website www.macmillan.org.uk/LlantrisantWalk or for more information check out www.macpontyclun.co.uk.

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by Andy Johnstone

AS the dust settles on another Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, comparisons with previous years' shows will be made.

However, if one has not been to the show before, the only comparison can be with – no names, no pack drill – myriad other shows around Wales and the rest of the UK.

The Vale Show compares very favourably, very... 'Goldilocks' in its way.

Not too big, not too small, but just right. It helps, naturally, that the sun shone and the cloud covered in the right proportions, and that no rain fell.

More than this, the atmosphere is different. It benefits by not having the corporate nature of some mega-agricultural shows, or the cookie-cutter approach of the branded countryside shows.

No, the Vale Show is a day of town-meets-country right in the heart of The GEM's patch.

Given a generous budget, one could have driven away with anything from a Range Rover Evoque convertible to the latest Landini tractor, a spa pool to a camping pod, and from a prize ram to a laying hen – and everything in between.

Given a more limited budget, it's a grand day out, and – cliché alert – fun for all the family.

Magnificent animals reigned supreme in the Open Hunter rounds, while the elegance of skilled equestriennes riding side-saddle drew gasps of admiration from all.

The beasts of the field in the livestock classes aptly demonstrated – a microcosm of Welsh agriculture, really – the quality of cattle and sheep, and farming in general, in the Vale.

NFU Cymru's #BackWelshFarming and the FFW's #FarmingMatters campaigns received timely promotion at the Vale Show.

Better than the supermarkets' version, it's an ideal way to see the farm-to-fork journey first-hand.

And many – adults and children – at the show saw the benefit of this, especially when milk prices, according to Government figures are, at around 19 pence per litre, down from 2013's high of some 35 pence per litre, and the lowest for 10 years.

A show of this size, ably managed by volunteers, takes a year to organise, so congratulations to all concerned and here's to the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show!

See pages 24 and 25 for more photographs of the Vale Show.



ABOVE:
In the
judging
ring.

RIGHT:
Getting
ready for
the poultry
section
judges to
arrive.



VALE SHOW RESULTS

Any pure beef breed other than Limousin or native breed

Class 1, Bull any age – first, S W Pegington, Nanty Gelli Farm, Llangwm; second, Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tonyrefail.

Class 2, Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf – No entries.

Class 3, Heifer in calf – first, S W Pegington.

Class 4, Maiden heifer – first, Rhys Millichap; second, Rhys Millichap; third, Rhys Millichap.

Class 5, The Welsh County Shows Competition for pedigree beef pairs owned by the same exhibitors – first, Rhys Millichap; second, Rhys Millichap; third, S W Pegington.

Championship for any breed other than Limousin and native beef breed

The Peter Wood and Sons Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the any other breed classes – Champion, Rhys Millichap; reserve, S W Pegington.

Any pure native breed

Class 6, Bull any age – first, V J Thomas & Sons, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; second, V J Thomas & Sons; third, Stephen Lakin, Garm Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 7, Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf – first, Stephen Lakin.

Class 8, Heifer in calf – first, Arwyn Prichard, St Vians Hill, St Nicholas; second, Mr A K Thomas, New Breaua Farm.

Class 9, Maiden heifer – first, Arwyn Prichard; second, Mr A J Thomas.

Class 10, The Welsh County Shows Competition for pedigree beef pairs owned by the same exhibitor – first, Arwyn Prichard; second, Stephen Lakin.

Champion (rosette) for best Hereford

The Miss Ellen Thomas Challenge Cup for the best Hereford exhibit – Champion, V J Thomas & Sons; reserve, Arwyn Prichard.

Championship for the best pure native beef breed

The Hudstone shield for the best pure native beef championship – Champion, V J Thomas & Sons; reserve, Arwyn Prichard.

The Dalgetty Crossfields Cup for the best pair of beef cattle – Winner, Rhys Millichap; reserve, Gareth Jenkins, Tynewydd Farm, Groes Faen.

Championships

The Herbert R Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the beef classes – Champion, Rhys Millichap; Gareth Jenkins.

Class 17, Best beef herd, judged on a farm (min 20 breeding cows) suckler herd, pedigree or commercial – first, R D Edwards & Son, Pwllwyrach Farm, Colwinston; second, Rhys Millichap; T D Llewellyn & Son, Old Beaupre Farm, St Hilary; fourth, Arwyn Prichard.

Class 11, Bull any age – first, Gareth Jenkins; second, Gareth Jenkins.

Class 12, Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf – First, Gareth Jenkins; second, E & N Phillips, Blackmeadows, Llantilo Crossenny.

Class 13, Heifer in calf – no entries.

Class 14, Maiden heifer – first, L M Howells, Gelli Farm, Cymmer.

Class 15, The Welsh County Shows Competition for pedigree beef pairs owned by the same exhibitor – first, Gareth Jenkins.

The MT Board Cup for the best pair of Limousin – First, Gareth Jenkins.

The Arthur John and Co Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the Limousin classes – Champion, Gareth Jenkins; reserve, Gareth Jenkins.

Class 17, Calf under 12 months on day of show – first, Mr and Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport; second, Mr and Mrs Rickard; third, V J Thomas & Sons.

Class 18, Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show (not in calf) – first, R and M Lougher & Sons, Ty Tanglwst Farm, Pyle; second, V J Thomas & Sons; R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 19, Heifer in calf – First, Mr and Mrs Rickard; second, R and M Lougher & Sons; third, V J Thomas & Sons.

Class 20, Cow in calf but not in milk, any age – first, R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 21, Heifer in milk – first, V J Thomas & Sons; second, Mr and Mrs Rickard; V J Thomas & Sons.

The Ladbroke (Bridgend Creamery) Challenge Shield (winner of class 21) – winner, V J Thomas & Sons.

Class 22, Junior cow in milk (second/third lactation only) – First, Abi Reader, Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe; second, V J Thomas & Sons; third, R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 23, Senior cow in milk (fourth lactation and above) – first, R and M Lougher & Sons; second, V J Thomas & Sons; R and M Lougher & Sons.

Class 24, Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifer – first, R and M Lougher & Sons; second, V J Thomas & Sons; third, Jack Evans & Son, Marcross Farm, Marcross; fourth, G Anthony, Haregrove Farm.

The Golden Vale Dairies Perpetual Challenge Cup (winner of class 23) – winner, R and M Lougher & Sons.

Championship for the best Holstein exhibit

The Glynne Clay Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in the Holstein classes – Champion, Abi Reader; reserve, R & M Lougher & Sons.

Class 25, Maiden heifer (not in calf) – first, Abi Reader; second, RP & KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend; third, Abi Reader.

Class 26, Heifer in calf – first and second, RP & KJ Granville; third, Abi Reader.

Class 27, Dairy cow – first, second and third, Abi Reader.

The Richard Taylor Perpetual Challenge Cup

Winner, Abi Reader.

Class 28, Heifer in milk – first, Mr & Mrs Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport; second, RP & KJ Granville.

Championship for any other pure dairy breed

Champion, Abi Reader. Reserve, Mr & Mrs Rickard.

Class 29, Interbreed production and inspection classes (NNR & CIS) – first, second and third, R & M Lougher & Sons.

The Spillers Perpetual Challenge Cup – R & M Lougher & Sons.

Class 30, Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by same

exhibitor – first, R & M Lougher & Sons; second, Mr & Mrs Rickard; third, VJ Thomas Sons.

The Bill Francis Memorial Challenge Trophy – champion, R & M Lougher & Sons; reserve, Mr & Mrs Rickard.

Class 31, Group of three dairy cattle, owned by the same exhibitor – first, R & M Lougher & Sons; second, VJ Thomas & Sons; third, Abi Reader.

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Best heifer in milk

Champion, VJ Thomas & Sons; reserve, Mr 7 Mrs Rickard.

Best cow in milk

Champion, Abi Reader; reserve, R & M Lougher & sons.

Best dairy cow or heifer in the Show

TJ Yorwerth Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup – champion, Abi Reader; reserve, R & M Lougher & Sons.

Supreme Championship for best exhibitor in the cattle classes

Wyndham Ivor Radcliffe Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup – champion, Rhys Millichap, Rhiw Garm Farm, Tonyrefail; reserves, VJ Thomas & Sons; Gareth Jenkins, Tynewydd Farm, Groes Faen; Abi Reader.

Class 32, Handler 12 and under on day of show; calf 12 months and under, any breed – first, VJ Thomas & Sons (May Thomas); second, Sophie & Megan Powell, Tyrrwyn, Maescywmmwr, Henoed; third, R & M Lougher & Sons; fourth and fifth, Abi Reader.

Class 17c, Glamorgan Farm Supplies Perpetual Challenge Trophy – VJ Thomas & Sons (May Thomas).

Class 33, Handler ages 13-18 on day of show, calf 12 months and under, any breed – first, Mr & Mrs Rickard; second and third, VJ Thomas & Sons; fourth, RP & KJ Granville; fifth, Mr & Mrs Rickard; sixth, Sophie & Megan Powell.

Class 18c, The PJ Llewellyn Perpetual Challenge Cup – Mr & Mrs Rickard (Ben Baker).

Class 34, Handler 19-26 on day of show, calf 18 months and under, any breed – first, RP & KJ Granville; VJ Thomas & Sons; third, R & M Lougher & Sons.

WJ Bassett Perpetual Challenge Trophy – RP & KJ Granville (Kste Granville).

Class 35 – first, E Williams, Castell Llwyd Farm, Nelson; second, SH & C Williams, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr; third, E Williams.

Class 36 – first and second, E Williams; third, Arthur Davies, Maes yr Onw, Mammoel, Blackwood.

Class 37 – first, Arthur Davies; second and third, SH & C Williams.

Class 38 – first and second, E Williams; third, SH & C Williams.

Championship for best exhibit in

Welsh Mountain sheep classes

Western Mail Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit – champion, E Williams; reserve, Arthur Davies.

Class 39 Ram – first, Miss Bethan Emma Davies, Bryn yr Eglwys, Llanfynydd, Carmar; second, M/s Palmer & Hayward, Ysgurorgoch Farm, St Andrews Major, Dinas Powys; third, Paul Bertorelli, Pencoeed Farm, Brynecethin.

Class 40 Ram lamb – first, Mr & Mrs HCH Williams, 38 Fairwater Way, Fairwater, Cardiff; second, M/S Palmer & Hayward; third, Miss Bethan Emma Davies.

Class 41 One ewe – first, Miss Bethan E Davies; second, Mr & Mrs HCH Williams; third, Edward Morgan, 8 Phoenix Way, Penallta, Hengoed.

Class 42, One ewe lamb – first, Edward Morgan. second, M/S Palmer & Hayward; third, Delyth & Elin Meredith, Llyngeren Farm, Pontsticill.

Richard Evans-Bevan Perpetual challenge tankard for the best exhibit in the Black Welsh Mountain sheep classes

Champion, Miss Bethan E Davies; reserve, Mr & Mrs HCH Williams.

Class 43, Ram – first, Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llanello; second, TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston; third, Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge.

Class 44, Ram lamb – first, Rhian Lewis, Wigfa Farm, Cilybebyll; second, Eifion Hughes; third, TR & J Harris.

Class 45, One ewe – first, TR & J Harris; second, Christopher Cornock; third, Rhian Lewis.

Class 46, One ewe lamb – first, Rhian Lewis; second, Eifion Hughes; third, TR & J Harris.

Championship for best exhibit in the Suffolk sheep classes

Edwards Geldard Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the best exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep classes – champion, Eifion Hughes; reserve, TR & J Harris.

Class 47, Ram – first and second, TC & RL Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd; third, J & B Booker, Cae Cadno, Taliaris, Llanello.

Class 48, Ram lamb – first, J & B Booker; second, TC & RL Adams; third, AF Williams, 80 Dobbins Road, Barry.

Class 49, One ewe – first, TC & RL Adams; second, J & B Booker; third, AF Williams.

Class 50, One ewe lamb – first, TC & RL Adams. second and third, J & B Booker.

Mary Homfray Perpetual Challenge Trophy for best exhibit in the Texel Sheep classes – champion, TC & RL Adams; reserve, J & B Booker.

Class 51, Ram – first, Peter Lewis, Carreg Ddu, Llanellen, Abergavenny; second, Mr SJ Gilbert, Gollwy Y Haul, Brecon Road, Pencsae.

Class 52, Ram lamb – first, Mr SJ Gilbert.

Class 53, One ewe – first, Mr SJ Gilbert; second, Peter Lewis; third, Mr SJ Gilbert.

Class 54, One ewe lamb – first, Mr SJ Gilbert.

Championship for best exhibit in the Ryland Sheep classes

Tom Davies 'Monkton' Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy for

best exhibit in the Ryland Sheep classes – champion, Mr SJ Gilbert; reserve, Peter Lewis.

Class 55, Ram – first, John Harding, Ingst Hill Farm, Bristol.

Class 56, Ram lamb – first, TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant; second and third, Mr Justin Evans, Ty Draw Farm, St Andrews Major.

Class 57, One ewe – first, Mr Justin Evans; second, A Groucott, c/o Swffryd Farm, Hafodyrnyns, Crumlin; third, TL Prichard.

Class 58, One ewe lamb – first, TL Prichard; second, Mr Justin Evans; third, TL Prichard.

Championship for best exhibit in the Continental Breed sheep classes

Champion, C & F Jantain, Ty Newydd Farm; reserve, R Llewellyn, West Farm, Wick.

Class 59, Ram – first, Michaela & Bleddyn Beck, 14 Clos Joslin, Coity; second, AT & PR Jones, High Howe Farm, Raglan; third, TR & J Harris.

Class 60, Ram lamb – first, AT & PR Jones; second, Michaela & Bleddyn Beck; third, James & Natalie Hepburn, 14 Sanctuary Court, Cardiff.

Class 61, One ewe – first, AT & PR Jones; second and third, TR & J Harris.

Class 62, One ewe lamb – first, AT & PR Jones; second, TR & J Harris; third, AF Williams.

Championship for best exhibit in the open Mixed

Continental Breed, other than Texel sheep classes

Champion, Mr Justin Evans; reserve, TL Prichard.

Class 63, Ram – first, Miss H Jones, c/o Swffryd Farm, Hafodyrnyns, Crumlin; second, R Llewellyn, West Farm, Wick; third, Jane Bissett, Castelfield, Moulton, Cardiff.

Class 64, Ram lamb – first, Carys & Ffion Jenkins, Tynewydd Farm, Groes Faen; second, Mr AJ Tomas, New Breach Farm, Crossways; third, Carys & Ffion Jenkins.

Class 65, One ewe – first and second, Carys & Ffion Jenkins; third, R Llewellyn.

Class 66, One ewe lamb – first, R Llewellyn; second, Carys & Ffion Jenkins; third, Miss H Jones.

Championship for best exhibit in the open mixed

Native Breed other than Welsh Mountain, Black Welsh Mountain, Suffolk and Ryland Sheep classes

Champion, AT & PR Jones; reserve, Michaela and Bleddyn Beck.

Class 67, Group of three Continental Breed sheep (one male and two females) – first, TL Prichard; second, J & B Booker; third, AF Williams.

Class 68, Group of three Native breed sheep (one male and two females) – first, Miss Bethan E Davies; second, AT & PR Jones; third, Oliver Morgan, 8 Phoenix Way, Penallta, Hengoed.

Championship for best group of three sheep

RS Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup for the champion group of three – champion, TL Prichard; reserve, Miss Bethan E Davies.

Class 69, Best ram lamb (untrimmed) – first, TL Prichard; second, Rhian Lewis, Wigfa Farm, Cilybebyll; third, Mr Justin Evans.

Class 70, novice sheep handler – first, Kate Perkins, Duffryn Isaf Farm, Bewas; second, Ian Roberts, Maesllan Farm, Blackmill; third, Tom Naylor, Ty Mawr Farm, Llangan.

Class 71, a pair of Butcher Lambs (under 35kg) – first, A Groucott; second, Rob David, Torgelly Farm, Llanharry; third, K Salter, Graig Ddu Farm, Dinas.

Class 72, a pair of Butcher Lambs (over 35kg) – first, Rob David; second, Ian Roberts; third, AF Williams.

Championship for best exhibit in the commercial sheep classes

Mrs Cameron-Rose Perpetual Challenge Bowl for the best exhibit in the Commercial Sheep classes – champion, Rob David; reserve, AF Williams.

Supreme Championship for best exhibit in any of the sheep classes

Pinkstone Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best exhibit in any of the Sheep classes – champion, Miss H Jones; reserve, Justin Evans.

Class 73, Pet Lamb class, handler 16 years or under – first, Tom Naylor, ty Mawr Farm, Llangan; second, Caroline Perkins, third, Mr 7 Mrs HCH Williams.

Mrs Mary Williams Cup for the winner of the Pet Lamb classes – Kate Naylor, Ty Mawr Farm, Llangan.

Best turned-out sheep in show, prize £20 – Bethan Davies, Bryn yr Eglwys, Llanfynydd, Carm.

Class 150, Fine and medium, including Merinos, Suffolk, Ryland, Charlais Downs, Halfbred, Texel and Lleyn – first and second, D Williams, Blackmill; third, Jane Bissett, Castlefield, Moulton.

Class 151, Cross and lustre, including Mule, Greyface, Wensleydale, Lincoln and Devon – first, TR & J Harris; second, D Williams; third, TR & J Harris.

Class 152, Hill and mountain including Radnor, Beulah, Cheviot, Blackface and Welsh – first, D Williams.

Class 153, Natural coloured including Jacob, Black Welsh Mountain, Herdwick, Shetland or any other pure bred or crossbred fleece – first, D Williams DGW, Dolau, Blackmill; second, TR & J Harris; third, Jane Bissett.

BEAMING SMILES TELL IT ALL AS SUN SHINES BRIGHT ON THE VALE SHOW

Pictures on this page
by MIKE WILCOCK

Smiles bright as the sun that shone on this year's successful Vale of Glamorgan Show, were captured by the photographer's camera, as VIP guests mingled with the crowds last Thursday.



Behind the scenes



VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW SCALES NEW HEIGHTS AT FONMON CASTLE!

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AS usual, the Vale's popular family Show was not just about the serious business of competition – there was also entertainment and lots of fun to be had on the day!



Lifeguards and helicopter rescue woman at Rest Bay

RNLI lifeguards from two Porthcawl beaches assisted a woman who got into difficulty in shallow water on Tuesday (August 16).

Lifeguards on Rest Bay were first alerted to the incident at about 3.30pm after the elderly woman was reported to be in trouble, halfway between the two lifeguarded beaches of Rest Bay and Pink Bay.

Lifeguards Lewis Evans and Lauren Blake from Rest Bay and Dan Mohammed and Tom Davies from Pink Bay, went to the woman's aid, carrying a trauma bag with a range of first aid equipment.

By the time they arrived on the scene, about 500metres from Rest Bay, the woman had been

helped out of the water by a member of the public.

She was conscious and breathing, but there was concern that she had swallowed water, so lifeguards immediately called for a medical evacuation.

They administered oxygen to the woman and treated minor cuts to her legs, before the Coastguard Search and Rescue helicopter arrived to airlift her to hospital.

Also in attendance were Coastguard Rescue Teams and South Wales Police.

Matt Childs, RNLI Lifeguard Supervisor, said: 'This was a multi-agency incident and our lifeguards worked well with other emergency service teams to help this woman. We hope she has a speedy recovery.'

WHAT'S ON, WHERE, AND WHEN?

Zumba in Pyle

MICHELLE will be back to run the Zumba classes at KPC Youth in Pyle from Tuesday, August 23 at 9.30am – 10.30am.

All are welcome, with a voluntary contribution to the session.

For more information contact Alison on 01656 749219 or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

Care and Repair

IF you are a home-owner, or private tenant living in the Vale of Glamorgan, are elderly, disabled, and need advice and support on repairs or home improvements, Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale can help.

It can also offer advice on grants available and reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding an information session on Tuesday, August 23 at 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12 midday. No appointment is

needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Free and impartial advice is also available on cutting energy bills, and possibly a home improvement energy grant through the Welsh Government NEST Programme.

Age Connects is holding a surgery at The Senior Health Shop on August 23 from 10am to 12pm, when you can chat to one of the NEST advisers.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information; if you need a home visit, call freephone 0800 8082244.

History exhibition

THIS year's Barry Island historical group exhibition – 'Those Were The Days' – will take place on Sunday, August 28 from 2pm – 5pm at the Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road.

The exhibition will include photos not displayed on the group's Facebook page. The voluntary organisation provides a valuable resource for the

community.

It holds thousands of photos, giving a glimpse of the lives of Barry Island residents, traders and businesses over the decades.

Entrance is free; refreshments available; and visitors can also buy next year's calendar for £5.

Boxing for LATCH

ON September 3 Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing club will hold a ticketed evening of live music by The Story Goes...; live music, followed by a disco.

The charity we are supporting this year is LATCH, a charity that supports children receiving treatment for cancer at the Children's Hospital for Wales, and their families.

More information on their work can be seen at www.latchwales.org

Tickets are currently available behind the bar at the rugby club; these are limited to 150.

For more information, call Karl Jones on 07738 386098.

Tory Leader slams football chiefs for missing a chance to promote women's game

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE development of women's football has been held back by

"petty nationalism", the Welsh Conservatives have claimed.

Football Associations of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland blocked the entry of a Team GB to the women's football competition.

Welsh Conservative Leader Andrew RT Davies said moves to block entry were "unforgivable" and said they "must never happen again".

His colleague Russell George AM, the Shadow Sports Secretary, said the entry of a women's team

could have inspired a new generation of girls to take up the sport.

Both have called for talks to establish agreement for a Team GB football team, competing only in future Olympic Games.

FIFA have previously given firm assurances that the status of individual nations would not be affected by such a move.

Andrew RT Davies, said: "Rio 2016 was an incredible opportunity to promote women's football on the biggest stage, and petty nationalism held back the development of the game. It's unforgivable

and must never happen again.

"We've had repeated assurances that the autonomy of our national teams won't be affected, and yet we find ourselves back here once again.

"Is there a single person out there who would argue that the women's game across the UK is in such rude health that we can afford to pass up this kind of chance to build momentum, or to develop the grassroots and increase the tournament experience of our best players?"

"A packed stadium watched Sweden knock the hosts out this week, with millions more

watching at home, and I couldn't help but imagine what might have been.

"I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling that the absence of a Great Britain women's football team at the Olympics has been a devastating blow for the game."

Russell George, said: "Unlike men's football, the Olympic Games is on a par with the World Cup for the women's game and attracts huge interest across the globe."

"Players like Jess Fishlock have been deprived of an opportunity to get major international experience, and to represent Team GB in the way that so many other Welsh sports stars do at the Olympics."

AM celebrates with residents' board



CELEBRATING 30 years of the Gibbonsdown Residents' Board last week, were Molly Conway, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, Jane Hutt AM and Tim Reynolds. The celebration was also attended by Vale Council housing officers at the Aberaeron Close Centre where weekly activities are held, supported by volunteers.

Who wants to build what, and where?

Mr and Mrs David Chilcott – **60 Pant Hirwaun, Heol y Cyw, Bridgend** – Non material amendment to remove condition 7 (code for sustainable homes on consent P/13/89/RES).

Ms Susan Paget – **1 Upper Street, Maesteg** – Two storey extension to rear elevation.

Fieldbay Ltd – **North Lodge, Penyfai** – Change of use from single residential dwelling (use class C3a) to 10 bedroom care home (use class C2).

The conversion and extension of an existing open fronted garage into three bedrooms and conversion of existing annex into two self-contained bedrooms together with landscaping works.

Mrs Jacqueline Morgan – **36 Heol Pantyrwael, Pantyrwael** – Proposed detached domestic garage to rear of property.

Mr Geraint Jenkin – **11 Felindre Road, Pencoed** – Single storey rear extension.

Mr Geraint Parry – **50 Cwm Felin, Blackmill** – Single storey outbuilding.

Nolan Recycling Ltd – **Waste Transfer Station, The Old Quarry, Stormy Down** – Approval of details for conditions 2, 3 and 4 of P/10/655/FUL.

Maesteg Town Council – **Maesteg Market, Talbot Street, Maesteg** – Approval of details for condition 2 of P/16/106/FUL.

Mr Benford – **Plot 52, Mallards Reach (52 Clos Y Mametz), Porthcawl** – Alteration of approved dwelling to include a rear conservatory extension.

Mr C Bevan – **33 North Road, Ogmere Vale** – Single storey rear extension.

Valleys to Coast – **Garage sites at Glanffonwg, Wildmill** – Demolish garages and new external works including landscaping and car parking; site compound.

Llanmoor Development Company Ltd – **Parcel R26, Parc Derwen, Bridgend** – Reserved matters for erection of six dwellings and associated engineering works and landscaping.

Llanmoor Development Company Ltd – **Former school playing fields, Bridgend Road, Maesteg** – Development of 10 bedspace care unit and 20 apartment extracare combined with communal ancillary facilities, 10 two-bed bungalows and seven one-bed bungalows.

Dean Garland – **Plot D31, Kingsway, Bridgend Industrial Estate** – Proprietor signage applied to freestanding hoarding facing approaching

vehicles on the one way traffic system within Bridgend Industrial Estate road network.

Mr John Prime – **West Plas Hall, Heol West Plas, Coity** – Detached garage.

Mrs Lynne Canton – **Vacant site adjacent to Cambrian House, Stormy Down** – Erection of detached dwelling on land adjacent to Cambrian House and Cross Winds.

Mr Scott Baker – **3 Ty Fry Road, Cefn Cribwr** – Single storey rear pitched roof extension.

Mr Roddy Howells – **2 Sea View, Heol Spencer, Coity** – Private garage.

Linc Cymru Housing Association – **Land at former Archbishop McGrath School, Heol yr Ysgol, Tondur** – Development of 15 bedspace care unit and 25 apartment extra care combined with communal ancillary facilities, 15 two-bed four-person and four three-bed five-person served by adopted access road.

ABA Holdings Ltd – **Jennings Building, The Harbour, Porthcawl** – Non-material amendment to P/15/609/FUL to amend time limits on conditions 18 and 19.

Gavin Walker – **Former Harman Becker, Bennett Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate** – Amend condition of P/15/708/FUL to include 'sports bar' to the list of permitted uses.

S Mott – **22 Barnes Avenue, Bridgend** – Side first floor extension.

Gerri Norris – **Former playground site, Fountain Road, Aberkenfig** – Two self catering single storey log cabin holiday let units.

Mr Paul Hooper – **Beechcroft House, Bryntirion** – Conversion of single storey annex into two apartments and new detached garage.

Mrs Pauline Robinson – **9 Maple Walk, Porthcawl** – Extension to dormer bungalow (resubmission of P/16/333/FUL).

Mr Gareth Williams – **Newbridge Farmhouse off Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend** – Approval of details for conditions 2 and 3 of P/16/242/FUL.

David Washbourne – **Cefn Gelli Farm, Bettws Road, Llangeinor** – Retention of part use of agricultural building for vehicle repairs.

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ANGHARAD BACK TO JOIN BRIDGEND CHOIR'S LINE-UP!



The choir performing during Mair's Walk.

BRIDGEND Male Choir holds its annual concert at Tabernacle Church, Derwen Road, Bridgend at 7pm on Friday, September 9.

The choir first heard of Angharad Morgan when the young soprano appeared with them at an annual choir concert more than 10 years ago.

Angharad had won the Russell Sheppard Memorial Scholarship and, as was tradition, was invited to appear with the choir.

The late Russell Sheppard, renowned for his music making particularly with the youth of the county, was the father-in-law of the then BMC musical director, John Jenkins.

Wendy Jenkins, daughter of Russell and widow of the late 'JJ' remains a vice-president and staunch supporter of the choir.

Quite why it's taken so long for Angharad to appear with the choir again is a mystery, but a real treat for those attending the 2016 annual concert on September 9.

Since graduating from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Angharad has enjoyed great success with her musical career.

She completed her studies with international tenor Dennis O'Neill and soprano Nuccia Focile, as well as having the



Angharad Morgan is making a welcome return!

privilege of being tutored by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.

The winner of many awards, Angharad has gone on to pursue a professional operatic solo career.

Joining her at the concert is the choir's own Scott Williams who will give a welcome organ recital.

This is also the first annual concert for new musical director Ryan Wood who, with established accompanist and deputy MD Stephanie Bailey, has been putting choristers through their paces.

Tickets, £5, can be purchased at Porters Estate Agents, Nolton Street, Bridgend; by e-mail to bookings@bridgendmalchoir.co.uk or by telephone to 07773 170373/ 07919 335169 & 07890 952363.

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Rotary: IT'S NOT ALL JUST FUNDRAISING!

RIGHT: President Bob Broughton welcomed the garden party guests.

THE Rotary Club of Bridgend held a successful annual garden party in the grounds of Well House Farm, Pencoed, home of Rotarian Gwyn Thomas, on one of the sunniest days of the year.

Newly-installed president Dr Bob Broughton welcomed about 75 members and guests to an afternoon of relaxed fellowship, with brass band and other marching music.

Anticipating the

forthcoming Olympic dressage events the club was entertained to an informative demonstration of equestrian skills by Rtn Jenny Myerscough – who with a colleague was riding two of her Lusitano horses.

The competitive spirit was not entirely missing as members and guests were challenged on the skittle alley and in garden quoits and darts.

To find more about Rotary contact www.rotarybridgend.org.uk or the Secretary on 01656 652181. AR



ABOVE: Rtn Jenny Myerscough and her Lusitano horses.

Can you give playful Griff a new home?

RIGHT: Griff, an energetic pup, who loves to play with his toys and have lots of fun!



THIS week's Dog of The Week is Griff, our young labrador-husky cross, an energetic pup of approximately six months old.

He loves to play with his toys and games and have fun with other dogs in the centre.

Griff's new owners will need to be committed to his ongoing training to get the best from him – and ideally very active, to utilise his energy.

Griff can live with children over 11 years old and in a home where he is not left for long hours throughout the day. If you can offer Griff, or any other of our dogs at the Bridgend rehoming centre a forever home, please contact 01656 725219 or visit the website.

Rhiannon Chamberlain, Dogs Trust, Bridgend.

MACMILLAN fundraiser, Amanda Jones, has a special reason for hosting a family fun day in honour of her dad, Stephen.

The Comely community fun day and five-a-side football tournament takes place on August 29 from 12 noon to 6pm at North Comely Football Fields, near Porthcawl.

Stephen was diagnosed with cancer in his jaw and neck glands in August 2012, which meant he needed a 13-hour operation to remove two thirds of his jaw and the glands.

Following the operation, he had to learn to swallow and talk again as well as learning to walk differently after surgeons removed bone from his right leg to rebuild his leg. He later had chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment.

Amanda explained: "The Macmillan team have been fantastic in supporting my dad and

this is my way of thanking them for the help they have given our family. The community fun day promises to be a great day out for all the family; attractions includes five-a-side football tournament, bouncy castle, hook-a-duck, face painting, refreshments, plus loads more."

Nicola Newhams, fundraising manager at Macmillan Cancer Support added: "Cancer is the toughest fight most of us will ever face and the feelings of loneliness and isolation that so many people experience make it even harder.

"Now, more than ever, we need people like Amanda to get involved. We rely on our supporters for 99 per cent of our income and it is only through the generosity of such supporters that we are able to help even more people affected by cancer."



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We are very sad to announce the passing of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed by wife Jean and daughters Jennie and Belinda. He died peacefully at home in the presence of his family on August 16.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, August 23 at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. No black attire.

BREEN Graham John

Suddenly on August 6, Graham aged 71 years, husband of Ann and father of Marc, Dieter and Richard, father-in-law to Karen. Grandfather to Lukas, Tia, Caitlin, Cory, Holle and Miley. Much loved by his brothers, sister, cousins and families.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the Requiem Mass at St Helen's Church on Wednesday, August 24 at 2.45pm, followed by Committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

EDWARDS David John

Suddenly on August 3 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Johnny the Milk of Llanmaes. Beloved husband of the late Eiralis, dearly loved father of Sian, father-in-law of Mike and much loved grandfather of David and Lauren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, August 19, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research U.K. c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

BUTLER Mavis Joan

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LEGG Douglas

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Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, August 26 at 3pm (where all please meet). No flowers by request please, donations if wished, can be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Towers, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

BARRETT Marlene

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LAYER Alan George

Peacefully on August 16 after a long illness, bravely fought and with his family present, Alan, aged 78 years. Beloved husband of Denise, much loved father of Sharon and Katherine and father-in-law to Grant and Craig. Loved grandfather of Jeremy, Matthew, Daniel, Jethro, his wife Rose and Michael. Also, sadly missed brother of William, Suzanne and the late Judith.

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Paul will be sadly missed by all family and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Requiem Mass at St. Cadoc's Church, Cowbridge on Wednesday, August 24 at 11.30am, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please; donations, if desired, to The Samaritans Cymru, Floor 2, 33-35 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9HB.

MORETON John Michael

Peacefully at Holme Tower on August 12. Loving husband to Pat. Loving father to Andrew and Susie and father-in-law to Damien.

Will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynedwd Road, Barry until the service on Thursday, August 25 at Salem Baptist Church, Barry at 10am, followed by the committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 11am. Family flowers only by request. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie can be made at the service or forwarded to the Funeral Directors.

Acknowledgements

RENDALL Helen and Norman

The family of the late Helen and Norman Rendall would like to thank all family and friends for their support and comfort during this sad time.

A special thanks to Churchfield's carers and all the doctors and nurses involved. Many thanks to Rev Ballantyne and A.G. Adams and Sons for organising the service and their kind and caring words.

WHITTAKER Howard

Kate and Claire wish to thank everyone who attended Howard's funeral and who sent letters, cards, flowers and food parcels.

Thank you too for the generous donations to the Critical Care Unit at the UHW, where the staff did their best and were very supportive throughout.

MASON Barrie James

Olga and Bradley wish to thank everyone who attended Barrie's funeral and for all the cards, flowers received and the generous donations made to Marie Curie.

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Thank You

KEITH & JEAN POWELL

would like to say thank you very much to all who attended their Diamond wedding celebrations on 6th August 2016. Also for all the wonderful cards, gifts and money. We were overwhelmed and deeply touched. To which we have decided to donate the money to charity.

£200 was kindly given, so we have decided to donate £100 to Marie Curie & £100 to Alzheimers Society.

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Public Notices

OGMORE COMMON

Community of Ogmore/Ogmore by Sea
County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has applied to the Welsh Ministers for consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 to carry out restricted works on Ogmore Common.

The proposed work is a single stacked stone sculpture and it will cover an area of, a three meter squared base, with the sculpture measuring 100 cm wide by 250 cm tall. The work will be located on the roadside of the B4524, 30m east of the junction to Portobello House and car park. Grid reference: 287438/ 176218.

A copy of the application form and map showing the proposed works can be inspected at the Heritage Coast Walkers Centre, Southendown, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm weekdays (not public holidays) until the 30th September 2016. A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to:

Creative Rural Communities, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge CF71 7AH

Any objections or representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to the Planning Inspectorate Wales at Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ, or Wales@planning.gov.uk. Unless sent to the Planning Inspectorate cannot be treated as confidential. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

Nicola Sumner-Smith (Senior Rural Regeneration Officer), Creative Rural Communities, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge CF71 7AH

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Gellir archwilio copi o'r ffurflen gais a map yn dangos y gwaith arloesedig yng Nghenarthfa Ynnwylwyr yr Awdorid Trafforddiad, Southendown, rhwng 10.00am a 4.00pm yn ystod yr wythnos (ac eiddo gwyliau banc) tan 30 Medi 2016. Gellir cael copi o'r cais drwy anfon llythyr at:

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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2016

GORCHYMYN (PAGET ROAD (RHAN), YNYS Y BARRI)) (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO)

Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluog eraill yn bwriadu, mewn dim llai na saith diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, yn gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATOLDEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn cerdded yn y lleoedd a nodwyd yn Atolden 2 isod.

ATOLDEN 2

Lleoliad Yr ardal a fydd ar gau yw Paget Road, Ynys y Barri o'r gyffordd â'r ffordd fynediad sy'n arwain i mewn i faes parcio Ynys y Barri (yn gyfagos at Clive Road) wrth grid 311262 166786 ac yn parhau tua'r de-ddwyrain i'r gyffordd â Harbour Road, sydd oddeutu 140m i ffwrdd.

Rheswm Er lles diogelwch y cyhoedd i alluogi gwaith gwella ar y gyffordd. Mae angen y cyfyngiad hwn oherwydd anawsterau peirianneg.

Hyd: O 8am ar 20 Awst 2016 am hyd at 18 mis

Lwybr Amgen: Bydd gwyrthiadau gydag arwyddion mewn grym ar hyd Plymouth Road, Friars Road, Breaksea Drive a Station Approach Road ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

D.S.: Caniatid mynediad i gerddwyr drwy'r amser.

Dyddiedig 18 Awst 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau'r Amgylchedd a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwentô, CF5 6AA.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(PAGET ROAD, BARRY ISLAND (PART)) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2016

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area to be closed is Paget Road, Barry Island from its junction with the access road that leads into Barry Island car park (adjacent to Clive Road) at grid 311262 166786 and continuing in a south easterly direction to its junction with Harbour Road, a distance of approximately 140m.

Reason: In the interests of public safety to allow for junction improvement work to take place. This restriction is required due to engineering difficulties.

Duration: From 8am on 20th August 2016 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Alt. Route: Signed diversions shall be in operation via Plymouth Road, Friars Road, Breaksea Drive and Station Approach Road and vice versa.

NB: Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 18th day of August 2016

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Barry Town start season with a win



ABOVE: Action from the game and RIGHT: TJ Nagi.

Barry Town United set out their stall for 2016-17 on the weekend with a comfortable 2-0 win over newcomers Undy Athletic at Jenner Park.

Goals from Drew Fahiya and newcomer Tyrell Webbe secured the spoils, with manager Gavin Chesterfield handing competitive debuts to a handful of summer signings, including former Aberystwyth Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis. The Gwent-based visitors impressed on their Welsh League Division One bow, but would leave the Vale of Glamorgan empty-handed, as Barry headed up a cluster of eight



clubs to win on the opening Saturday.

Among their number were promoted outfit Cwmbran Celtic, who avenged their 2015-16 Welsh Cup quarter-final defeat with a 2-0 win over a demoted and demoralised Port Talbot Town.

Elsewhere in the division, last season's third-placed side Goytre were winners of a seven-goal thriller at Caldicot

Town, while Division One mainstays Ton Pentre beat Penybont by three goals to two.

Penybont's Bryntirion Park will be the destination for Barry this Saturday, as Chesterfield's replenished Town tackle a home team under the management of former Llanelli hotshot and Plymouth Argyle striker Rhys Griffiths (2.30pm kick-off). AC

Barry RFC set for new season in new kit!

BARRY rugby players will soon be sporting brand new kit, thanks to a £1,000 donation from Persimmon Homes, as part of its Community Champions scheme.

Barry RFC, now 129 years old, boasts teams from under-six age group to senior level, as well as a ladies side, and relies on outside support to keep running.

Jonathan Venners, club funding co-ordinator, said: "Barry RFC is a very successful club which develops young men and women in the town, creating a community spirit and a sense of identity. Lifelong friendships have been nurtured at the club.

"On a Sunday morning you will see some 220 children of all ages improving their skills. At senior level,

we have just completed our first year in Division Two after gaining promotion in 2014/15.

"All of this comes at a high financial cost. We are extremely grateful to Persimmon Homes East Wales for this donation for new kit, which will help to continue to maintain the players' identity and sense of belonging.

"It's so refreshing to see big businesses getting involved with grassroots sport."

Victoria Williams, Persimmon sales director, said: "We're pleased to be able to hand over this money to Barry RFC, a major sports club in the area which we know is well used and well appreciated. So many volunteers put in a lot of hard work to keep these amateur clubs afloat. We're pleased to be able to be in a position to help out."

Ground Hoppers are heading to the Vale!

THE Ground Hoppers U.K organization have targeted the South Wales Alliance League for this year's 'August Bank Holiday Hop'.

They will take in no less than 11 games between the Friday and the Bank Holiday Monday on August 29! While Sully will be among the venues they visit, the very last game of the hop will take place at Bryn-Y-Don, the home of Cadoxton Barry F.C. when they entertain close neighbours, Cogan Coronation in a 5pm Monday start.

A large crowd, which will include around 150 ground hoppers from all over the UK, is expected.

Match programmes, refreshments, lapel badges, club tops, a programme collectors stall and much more will be found at Bryn-Y-Don on this very special match day.

Last season's record ground hop attendance was around the 430 mark for a match that took place in Scotland, so Cadoxton Barry are hoping to beat this.

There will be an entry charge of £3 for all adults, though all children will be admitted free of charges, so come on and help make the town of Barry proud ground hop record holders.

NW

Sully Sports begin training

THERE are just a few weeks to the start of the new season, and arrangements are well in hand at Sully Sports RFC, with good numbers training under coaches Chris and Barry on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.30pm at the Sully Grounds.

With a full fixture list for both first and second XVs, it is important to have as large a squad as possible, and so everyone is invited along – new, old players or those

interested in taking up the game.

Friendly games are due to be held on August 20 and August 27. Full details at training.

Our next reunion will be a barbecue at the Sully Club, on Friday, September 9, starting at 7.30pm.

Any players/members will be most welcome, with a special invitation going out to all the current players who by then will have started the new season.

The event will be part of the memorial to Tom, who tragically died recently.

MJS

Five wins out of five for Jason Sillet



LOCAL boxer Jason Sillet has won his fifth fight out of five.

Jason travelled to Manchester last weekend to take on Joe Beeden from Swindon and won unanimously on points.

He almost stopped Joe in the last round but he was saved by the bell. Jason would like to thank world

champion Lee Selby and all his supporters who travelled to Manchester, and his sponsors - Ewe Move Estate Agents, Coastal Coffee, Royal Cafe, Cofe Cove, Vinylize Garment Printers and also Paul Carousel Amusements and Nino Spiteri.

JS

Sports and play fun day a great success

MORE than 500 people enjoyed a range of sports and play activities at the Vale Council's 'Sports & Play Family Fun Day' which was recently held on Kings Square and in Central Park.

During the event, children, young people and families were able to try out the various sports and activities on offer including athletics, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, football skills and tennis.

They were also able to try badminton with coaches from Badminton Wales and try out the squash wall, supervised by a Squash Wales coach.

There were also a variety of play activities which were supervised by the Vale Council's play workers which included badge making, clay modelling, giant outdoor games, small worlds play and a home-made 'photo booth' for people were able to take their own selfies.

The start of the Olympic and Paralympic Games provided an added motivation for the children to participate in both the sports and play activities.

They were awarded a sticker for each activity they participated in and when they had collected five, they were able to claim a medal and certificate to celebrate their participation.

The children were delighted and very proud to receive their medals of achievement.

All participants also received a sports club directory compiled by the sports and play development team to highlight the range of

sports opportunities available across the Vale.

With the Olympic Games currently taking place and the Paralympic Games due to start shortly, it is hoped that more people from the Vale will be inspired to join a local club, offering opportunities in more than 30 Olympic and Paralympic sporting events including boccia, archery, swimming, badminton, boxing, gymnastics (both

rhythmic and artistic), hockey, judo, rugby and table tennis.

To find out more information regarding opportunities for sport, play or both that are available in the Vale of Glamorgan, visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay. Alternatively, readers can contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793, or e-mail KJDavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Kayak4MND's daunting challenge in aid of charity



ON August 26, 40 fundraisers head to north Wales for a daunting charity challenge – kayaking across the three largest lakes in the UK and completing a marathon 26-mile walk – all in four days – to raise awareness for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

They will kayak across Bala Lake and back; walk the 26 miles from Llandudno to Prestatyn; kayak 11 miles across Lake Windermere and then travel up to Scotland to kayak the 25 miles of Loch Awe.

'Kayak4MND' is a team of 35 novice kayakers and five support people, both local and from across south Wales. All participants are incurring personal expense and have

spent a lot of time training to prepare for the challenge.

The team's fundraising efforts will help support people living with Motor Neurone Disease in south Wales and they have already raised more than £14,000.

Challenge organiser Justin Hostettler-Davies said: "The team is obviously apprehensive of the challenge ahead but is fully determined and motivated. Most of us had never been in a kayak prior to this, but we all share the same objective – to raise as much awareness and sponsorship as possible."

Anyone wanting to support Kayak4MND should visit their JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/kayaking4MND/ or text donate KAYK88 £5 to 70070.

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New Vale tennis league launched

VALE residents have a great opportunity to play friendly, competitive tennis matches in the new Barry & Vale Tennis League, whether they are member of a tennis club or not.

Open to men and women aged 18 and above, the league is for players of all standards.

Players are organised into groups of six to eight people of a similar level and can arrange their own matches at a mutually convenient time over an eight week round.

Entry costs £15 per round and each player has between five and seven matches to play per round. Players may use any public court that suits them both.

With no annual membership to worry about, it's an affordable way to play friendly, competitive tennis.

After the match, players submit results via their phone or online and can see all the other results and match commentaries in their groups.

There are prizes for

the winners of each group and players who complete three matches by the midway point of a round get a free can of tennis balls.

If you are not a member of a tennis club, it can be surprisingly hard to compete at an informal local level or even to find other people to play.

The new league is thanks to a partnership between the Vale Council's sports and play development team and parks department, Tennis Wales and Local Tennis Leagues, who lead on the organisation of the leagues.

Round one of the Barry & Vale Tennis League runs from Thursday, September 22 to Wednesday, November 16. You can enter the league online, by visiting

www.localtennisleagues.com/barry; all entries must be received by Monday, September 19.

For more information, email info@barrylocaltennisleagues.com or contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793.

Cadoxton Bowls Club round-up

CADOXTON could not find the answer to the difference, between their heavy green and the good playing surface at Barry Athletic.

As a result, only one rink managed to come to terms. The successful rink was skipped by Derek Jeffries against David Snelling, who was assisted by two former Cadoxton players.

After eight ends the visitors held a 15-1 advantage, but only managed to score four more shots, while 15 were scored by the home side.

Howard Craven was matched with opposing skip Geoff Whittaker, and dropped 11 shots without reply during the opening seven ends. The remaining ends did not get much better, with just five singles scored.

Don Kuhnell did take an early lead on his rink against the experienced Richard Morgan, assisted by another ex-Cadoxton player, Paul Webley.

They were successful with three singles with one against, in the opening stages. However, in a game with all ends closely contested, only three further singles were possible, although the losing ends were mainly kept to singles.

John Jones skipped the other rink against Peter Rogers and stayed in contention until the 13th end when they held a 12-10 advantage.

Unfortunately no further wins were added and the defeat was accentuated with a '5' and '3' to finish.

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 5-20 D Townsend, D Coombes, J Davies, G Whittaker, A Prince, G Solomon, G Davies, D Jeffries 19-16 T Bishop, L Paige, G Jones, D Snelling; E Heppenstall, J Pappoutsou, I Heppenstall, J Jones 12-23 G Kane, DL Jones, M Vaughan, P Rogers; J

Stacey, D Fanning, R Byrne, D Kuhnell 6-16 A Cooper, J Donovan, P Webley, R Bowen. Final score: 42-75.

CADOXTON V CENTRAL - ML7 Cadoxton visited Barry Central in a ML7 fixture and despite losing on three rinks, the fourth rink had a large enough winning advantage to take the aggregate score.

The successful rink was skipped by Derek Jeffries against opposing skip Ken Tanner. A '5' on the sixth end gave the visitors an 8-2 lead and with regular winning ends progressed to 16-6.

At this stage, one of the Central players left the match due to illness and they continued with three players still playing with eight bowls. This reduced their score by one shot (25 per cent of the score during the remaining ends).

Howard Craven skipped against Tom Goddard and trailed 10-2 after six ends. However an improvement during the rest of the game brought the score to 18-16 in favour of the home side.

Rob Byrne's rink finished against Dave Goddard with the same two shot defeat, after leading 10-1 after seven ends.

Roy Harding's rink only managed to score on seven ends, to finish with a deficit of 12 shots

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 16-18 E Hands, A Castle, G Goldthorpe, T Goddard; G Davies, J Pappoutsou, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries 27-9 R Pierce, G Thomas, T Kaged, K Tanner; E Heppenstall, G Solomon, M Curtis, R Byrne 18-17 D Hunt, J Froud, J Wathes, G Goddard; R Morris, S Conway, J Jones, R Harding 9-21 M Hoare, B Parker, G Heppenstall, J Pappoutsou, I Carstairs, S Downer. Final score: 70-65.

DK

Penarth Belle Vue Bowling Club news

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club played Ynysybwll Bowling Club on Saturday, August 13 in the Cardiff and District League.

Belle Vue had a good ten point win at Ynysybwll, winning two rinks and losing two after score adjustment, 76% to 66 shots.

Rink one, with only three players, lost after the score was adjusted 13 to 12 3/4 shots. Lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 was Richard Brant and the skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink two won 22-14; lead was Richard Fitzjohn, No 2 was Dave Rappit, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was

captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink three won 22-17; lead was Frank Keen, No 2 was Graham Duggan, No 3 was Len Fowler and the skip Paul Paterson.

Rink four lost 20-22; lead was Gerry Field, No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Ynysybwll players were a great set of lads and all in all, a great day out was had. The buffet was top drawer; plenty of everything! Thank you, Ynysybwll.

Belle Vue played Barry Athletic Bowling Club in the Alun Martin Cup semi final at Windsor Bowling Club recently.

Both rinks went down against a very strong Barry Athletic, but both rinks did their best on a lovely sunny afternoon.

Rink one lost 25-11 lead was Richard Fitzjohn, No 2 was Gerry Field, No 3 was Dave Miller and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas.

Rink two lost 27-14; lead was Rowland Fletcher, No 2 was Graham Duggan, No 3 was Colin Scammell and the skip was Trevor Ford. Well done for getting to the semi finals, lads.

One final note of thanks goes to our chairman's daughter who had a sponsored head shave and raised £40 when we played Ely Bowling Club. She has raised a total of £400 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A big thank you to Dave Purser and his family for their effort.

FRANK KEEN

Barry face friendly test

BARRY RFC kick off their 2016-17 season with the first of two warm-up games beginning this Saturday with a game against Division 2 East side Croesyceiliog at home, kick off 2.30pm.

This will be followed on August 27 when the club pay a return visit to Lydney where they enjoyed superb hospitality last year.

The club have hired an 80 seater coach to leave the club at 12 noon so come along and enjoy a good day out.

Last week's Lottery numbers were 04, 07, 13 and 18, which once again failed to produce a winner; this week's jackpot will be £2,390.

AJ



Friendly day of bowls helps out association

SUNDAY afternoon overcast and not very welcoming saw the Millwood Bowls Club captains Sandra Jodrell and Alan Evans welcome members and their guests to the club to enjoy an afternoon of social bowls away from the pressures of league and cup matches.

The ladies, with their usual enthusiasm, organised a highly successful raffle and bric a brac stall. With the weather starting to improve members took to the green to take part in a mixed spoons competition played over 15 ends with a small prize for the winning rink; at the finish the Alan Bumford-skipped rink stepped up to claim their prize.

The afternoon also has a more serious but happier purpose when the club presents a cheque to its charity of the year.

This year, as many of you will know, the club had the honour of hosting the British Deaf Bowls home internationals and as a result of this the club chose the Welsh Deaf Bowls Association.

The club members were therefore extremely proud to invite their representative Michelle Fowler-Powe to accept from Sandra and Alan a cheque for £1000 raised by members through their various fundraising activities.

Michelle thanked the club for the cheque and also all the assistance the club and its members had given the association in helping the first Deaf International weekend be the success it was.

Thanks are also given to local deaf signer Sue Williams for her assistance. **On a very blustery unseasonable evening Millwood made the short**

journey to Sully for a Munro Cup game.

Despite the weather the green was running well so no excuses on that front, although hypothermia might play a part in the latter stages of the game.

Both teams got stuck in and after five ends Millwood had a narrow four shot lead, 17-13; this narrow advantage was maintained and at the 10th end the score was 32-28 to the visitors.

This nip and tuck game continued on three of the four rinks, however on rink 2 sprightly Sully veteran Denis Evans and his rink got their game together and at the end of 12 ends Sully had now got their noses in front, 50-41.

With this lead not threatened over the last four ends, Sully ran out worth winners, 63-52, when all players were only to happy to repair to the club for well earned refreshments.

On Saturday Millwood club side entertained Blaenrhondda in a Division 4 league match.

For various reasons the visitors were not able to field as strong a team as they would have wanted to.

The game got underway and after five ends the home side had built a comfortable lead of 23-11.

After another five ends the lead had increased to 45-25, but the visitors, to give them full credit, did not give up and fought back bravely to eventually come out on top on two rinks.

However Millwood ran out comfortable winners, being heavily indebted to Peter Taylor's rink who crushed their opponents 30-7, confirming a 82-59 victory.

The Millwood A side played a friendly at Rumney which we hope will stand them in good stead when they return in two weeks time for Division 7 league match. **BH**

Pasties inspire A team to victory!

LAST Thursday saw Llantwit A bowls team gain their first home win in the Rockwool Triples League; the opponents were Wyndham.

Captain John Nixon's rink of Ian Williamson and Cen Williams won 21-13; Mike Harmon's rink of Geoff Timms and John Crane narrowly lost.

John O'Brien's rink of Ken Williams and Glyn Fox, with a combined age of 242, proved that age is no barrier, by beating an opposition rink with an average age of 25 by 17-12.

Kyle Garrison's rink of Dave Thomas and John Ball had a comfortable win 22-9, with the overall score 75-54. The captain changed the normal post-match food to pasties and this incentive appeared to produce success!

Saturday saw another milestone with a first win

in the Cardiff Municipal League, again at home, the opponents this time Caerphilly Social.

The game was played in summer sunshine and Mike Harmon's rink of Cen Williams, Lyn Fry and Dave Post won by 19-8.25; John O'Brien's rink of Geoff Timms, rounded off by the John Moisan and Pat Twomey just missed out.

Graham Merchant's rink of Dave Thomas, Danny Morgan and Dave Post had a bit of an off day, John Nixon's rink of Ken Williams, Paul Brown and Graham Snowdon won by 30-7.75, the overall match score 82-79.75.

An enjoyable day was always excellent post-match buffet prepared by the ladies. **PB**

Flint strikes a diamond!

THE Vale's John Flint, who has been in terrific form of late, struck again at Chepstow Racecourse on Tuesday when his five-year-old bay mare Prim And Proper landed The Diamond Racing Handicap Stakes.

Partnered by 3lbs claimer Daniel Muscutt, *Prim And Proper* an 8-1 chance, ran a cracker of a race to score by three parts of a length from *Stanlow*.

Prim And Proper, a course and distance winner when trained by Ebbw Vale's Dai Burchell last season, is owned by Mr and Mrs AJ Mutch, and was having its fourth start for the in-form Flint.

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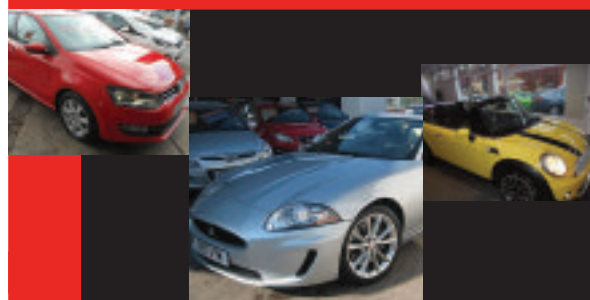
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ACCLAIMED turf historian **Michael Tanner** is known for his many best-selling books such as *The Champion Hurdle*, *The Legend Of Mick The Miller*, *The Major: The Biography of Dick Hern*, *Great Jockeys of the Flat* and many more.

Now following his definitive account of *The Suffragette Derby*, a work that was described as "the book of the year" by the *Racing Post* and "as good as any Dick Francis novel" by *The Mail on Sunday*, his new book *Red Hand - Secret of the Suffragette Derby*, published by (www.authorhouse.co.uk at £12.99), weaves a fictional tale around the Suffragette Derby featuring the popular characters Alg Haymer and Connie Swynford, who he introduced in his Victorian racing novel *The Timman's Farewell*.

I have always been a great admirer of Michael's work, ever since I bought a copy of his *My Friend Spanish Steps* for a £1 in a second-hand bookshop in Devon in the 1980s.

Michael is one of those rare authors who can mix fact with fiction and in *Red Hand* he does just that and the result is a cracking good read.

VAUGHAN HAS PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT Aberthin's **Tim Vaughan** had plenty to smile about last week.

His *Canton Prince*, a five-year-old bay gelding, won the Open National Hunt Flat Race (Bumper) at Newton Abbot with champion jockey Richard Johnson in the saddle and his *Show's Over*, partnered by Tom O'Brien, won the 24 August Is Bo's Music Night Novices' Handicap Chase at Stratford by the minimum distance a nose at odds of 8-1.

Canton Prince, the 2-1 favourite, won by 12 lengths from *Make My Heart*.

CHEPSTOW BANK HOLIDAY FUN RACEDAY Monday, August 29 is Chepstow's bank

holiday family fun race day.

There is free admission and entertainment for children.

This year, Chepstow Racecourse celebrates its 90th birthday and when racing started at the Piercefield Park Racecourse in 1926, more than 20,000 racegoers witnessed Lord Harewood's *Conca D'Oro*, ridden by Henri Jellis and trained by Basil Jarvis, win the opening St Lawrence Selling Plate.

The following year, in 1927, 300 rain-soaked racegoers turned up in Tattersalls enclosure for the first National Hunt fixture and the first Welsh Derby that year was won by *Chantrey*, ridden by Henri Jellis and trained by Alex Taylor.

It was in 1933 that Gordon Richards set a world record at the racecourse when winning 11 consecutive races at the two-day meeting - all six on the first day and the first five winners on the second day.

The first Welsh Grand National at Chepstow in 1949 was won by Welshman Dick Francis on *Fighting Line*.

TIM'S MIXED LUCK Tim Vaughan had mixed fortune at Market Rasen on Saturday evening.

In the Dennis Meech 'Magic Moments' Memorial Handicap Chase, his *Caspian Piper* was beaten by just a head in a photo finish by *Proud Gamble*.

However, just over an hour later his six-year-old *Beat The Tide*, a 9-2 chance, finished a length ahead of the favourite *PixiePot* in the Millie Murray Happy Birthday Handicap Hurdle.

Champion jockey Richard Johnson was aboard both of Tim's horses and earlier in the evening he had been successful on the favourite *Birch Hill* in a novices' hurdle.

BRIAN LEE



Sam Roberts (wearing the number 5 vest) with the team.

Vale's Sam stars for the Welsh basketball team

A former University of Worcester student who the Vale helped Wales to seventh place in a major international tournament.

Sam Roberts, who has just finished his degree, competed for the Wales senior men's basketball team at the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) European Championship for Small Countries.

He was joined by fellow former University of Worcester students Ben Potts and Damian Edwards.

The Welsh side faced Armenia, who won the contest, Andorra, who finished second, Moldova, Malta and Gibraltar. Sam, of Cowbridge, has just

finished a three-year course in sports studies and this was his first time in the Welsh men's side, having played for the under-16s and under-18s.

"It was a hard tournament for us," said the 20-year-old. "The standard of play in Britain is not at the level of Europe so for us to adapt to that intense play was difficult."

"For me I learned a lot. I have gained more confidence to bring back to the UK by playing against such high quality opposition."

Sam, who played in the University's second team and Worcester Wolves national league division two side, is now focused on selection to take part in the Commonwealth Games in Australia in two years' time.

Ceri continues his golfing progress!

AFTER winning Radyr Golf Club's captain's day prize alongside his father two weeks ago, and finishing only two shots behind the winner at the Pyle and Kenfig Junior Open recently, **Ceri Vaughan Jones (14)** continued his rich vein of form this season by capturing the Southerndown Junior Open with a magnificent score of 79 gross over the difficult windswept course last week.

His latest success has catapulted him close to the top of the Glamorganshire under-14s Order of Merit with two events remaining this year and will bring his handicap down to 12.

Even with a triple bogey seven due to a lost ball on the formidable 18th hole, his score was enough to secure top spot and confirmed his steady



Ceri Vaughn Jones and John Hastings

progress under the tutelage of golf professional John Hastings, who runs the Natural Golf Academy at St Andrew's Major Golf Club.

"Ceri's aptitude for the game was evident from a very early age but his equally impressive mental game is also one of his strengths," said John.

"His ability to never let a bad shot unsettle

him gives him an edge over his fellow competitors."

A regular in the Glamorganshire under-14s county team, Ceri who lives in Llantrithyd, near Cowbridge, is also a member at Radyr Golf Club and has now set his sights on a single figure handicap, a goal both he and coach John set themselves at the beginning of the year.

JH

Point-to-Point Blast From the Past - 2004

This week The GEM's Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for the past 50 years, looks back at a couple of meetings he reported on for The GEM.

The headline on page 12 of *The GEM*, March 18, 2004 read: 'Gift horse Rostock is a winner for Brace'.

"BRIDGEND'S David Brace, who will be at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival today to saddle his *Dawn's Cognac* in the Foxhunter's Chase, saw his gift horse *Rostock* land a division of the maiden race at the Brecon & Talybont point-to-point last Saturday.

"*Rostock*, a seven-year-old brown gelding was given to him by Irishman Jimmy Mangan, who trained last year's Grand National winner *Monty's Pass*.

"Mr Brace, who has bought many horses from Mr Mangan over the years, said: "Jimmy couldn't do anything with *Rostock*, so he gave him to me to have a go."

"*Rostock*, brilliantly ridden by the Vale's Fiona Wilson, got home by half a length from the favourite *Rescindo*, ridden by William Oakes in an exciting finish.

"Both horses are qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt.

"Llancarfan's Evan Williams took the confined race on Paul Morgan's *Mensch* who got up on the run-in to beat *Noaff*. The winner is also qualified with the Llangeinor. The Land Rover Men's Open race was won by *Tic Tac*, which beat the fast-finishing *Royal Barge* by half a length.

Tic Tac, a winner in France, was ridden by Paul Shell Drake and is owned by Ian Johnson and Gary Flynn.

The odds-on favourite *Dat My Horse* unshipped Evan Williams at the first fence. The horse's owner Andrew Lowrie said: "My horse has had trouble with his back and he just doesn't want to know the bigger obstacles, so it's back to hurdles races for him."

"Dai Jones had a double with *Call Me*

Sonie (members) and *Canon Bridge* (restricted open division one). *Vicars Chalet*, a 20-1 chance, was a surprise winner of the third division under Adrian Wintle.

"And 53-year-old Joe Price was successful on *Musical Sleuth* (maiden division one) who was a first winner for trainer Sarah Kent, secretary of the Currie & Llangibby point-to-point. *Musical Sleuth* is owned by Charlotte Breeze and Sue Anstey."

Under the heading 'Tim Rides Winner At Ystradowen' (GEM April 8, 2004) I reported: "Tim 'Smiler' Vaughan from Laleston landed the aged maiden race at the rain-soaked Glamorgan point-to-point steeplechases at Ystradowen on Saturday on *Aljoash*, an eight-year-old bay mare, trained by John Moore at Bridgend.

"Talented Tim, who always has a smile on his face, rode a confident race and, taking the lead two fences from the finish, won by 15 lengths from the pacemaker *Blakeney Hill*.

"*Aljoash*, who also won the best turned-out award, is owned by Swansea hairdresser Robert Scrine.

"*Mister Falcon*, a seven-year-old bay gelding ridden by Rhys Hughes of Caerphilly swooped to victory in the men's open race. There were only three runners and *Mister Falcon*, a former Martin Pipe horse which cost his owner Mike Quinlin 2,000 guineas, won by eight lengths from *Fassan*, ridden by James Tudor with *Asicionado*,

partnered by Howard Oakes, a further length away in third spot. "In the ladies' open race, Pembroke's Charlotte Owen, riding family horse *De Chelly*, caused something of a surprise when holding on by a length from the odds-on favourite *Upton Adventure*, already a winner of four races this season.

"Dr Simon Cave's *Tinder Boy*, who travelled from Dorset, took the restricted open under his daughter Tabitha Cave. She said: "*Tinder Boy* is not the bravest of jumpers but the twisty undulating course, although it wouldn't suit most horses, suited him."

"*Pharailde*, which took the young horse maiden, is owned by Cardiff's Lee Alder who is totally blind. "Mr Alder said: "I was worried when the commentator kept saying my horse was making mistakes throughout the race."

"Ex-hurdler *Pharailde* was ridden by evergreen Joe Price and is trained at Chepstow by Sarah Stenford. Both the winning owner and trainer were enjoying their first success.

"The novice riders' race was won by Hannah Lewis on the odds-on favourite *Silver Pot Black*."

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Good drive secures hole-in-one car prize

WITH the coveted prize on display, the 60 golfers in a charity tournament approached the fourth hole for a chance to win a car by getting a hole-in-one.

A hole-in-one is a rare golf achievement with 12,500-to-one odds. A golf course typically has up to 15 golfers get holes-in-one in 12 months.

One golfer beat the odds, sunk the shot, and won a new MG3 courtesy of Nathaniel Car Sales Ltd in Bridgend, south Wales.

This lucky shot was the first hole-in-one that the winner, Richard Donovan, ever had. He joined the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club in Bridgend when he started playing golf 15 years ago.

The Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club was host to the charity event where

Mr Donovan won the MG car.

If you ask him how to get a hole-in-one and win a car, you might not get any closer to driving away in a new car from a golf tournament.

"This is my first hole-in-one, so I can't give any tips because if I knew how to do it, I'd do it again and earn myself a fleet of cars," said Mr Donovan.

Wayne Griffiths, managing director of Nathaniel Car Sales, recalled: "We have sponsored many sporting events over the years within our community, and to present a prize for a hole-in-one, now that is a first for us too."

"With talented golfers going for charity events such as these, you can bet that this is not the last time, we will give such a prize, but we are more than happy to do that."

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Civic Charity Appeals

Standing Committee and the mayor of Bridgend organised the event to raise money for local charities including Mental Health Matters Wales, the Cardiology Investigation Unit Project at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, the Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme and Ysgol Bryn Castell Bridgend.

All golfers who took part in the charity tournament had a chance to win the car by scoring a hole-in-one on the fourth hole.

At the club, hole four has a narrow green with greenside traps and native shrubbery referred to by golfers as 'gorse'. The hole is a par-3 which means that a skilled golfer can expect to take three strokes to complete the hole.

The par-3 holes are the shortest on a golf course. Mr Donovan's ball travelled 176 yards to land in the cup.

SD

BRIDGE CLUB MOURNS THE DEATH OF MILDRED



Mildred Trigg-Knight at her 100th birthday party.

IT is with great sadness that the Bridge Club reports the death of its oldest member.

Mildred Trigg-Knight, aged 100, died on August 6. Mildred played bridge for more than 80 years, and was one of the founder members of Bridgend Bridge Club during the 1960s.

She was a stalwart club member for more than 50 years. During this period, she was successful in winning, together with her partner, the club's most prestigious competitions, namely the Max Powell Rosebowl and the John Raymond Transport Cup.

She was still playing in the club regularly until very recent weeks; Mildred will be missed by her friends in the club.

BEGINNER BRIDGE LESSONS

Following the success of this year's lessons, which ended on June 16, Bridgend Bridge Club will be running another course of lessons for beginners, starting on Thursday, September 8.

The lessons are held at Nolton Church Hall in Bridgend, from 11.30am until 1.30pm every Thursday, and are suitable for complete beginners, or for those who have played bridge or whist in the past and want to start playing again and develop their knowledge of the game further.

There is also a play session on Thursday afternoons, which will normally be preceded by a short talk aimed at improvers/intermediate players.

This will start at

1.30pm, with play being from 2pm until 5pm. There is parking available on site.

For further information please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

RECENT RESULTS
The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

Wednesday, August 10: first, Liam Sheridan and John Beard; second, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; third, John Evans and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Rob Forman and Alan Heath.

Thursday, August 11: first, Eileen Mahoney and Stuart Davies; second, Geoff and Christine Tinkler; third, Rosalie Clode and Maggie Ashpole. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Stuart Davies.

Friday, August 12: first, Linda Pinnock and Denis Mottram; second, Glyn Williams and Jenny Vaughan; third, Andy Robertshaw and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Denis Mottram.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to begin at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursdays at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded, but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

TG

Cefn Cribwr FC make good FAW Trophy progress



Tom Harris.



Gordon Watt. All pictures by Julie Hancock.

CEFN CRIBWR welcomed Hirwaun Sports to Cae Gof in the FAW Trophy, looking to build on their successful pre-season.

Cefn started the brighter of the two teams and took no time at all to create their first chance,

which brought the best out of the travelling keeper who pulled off a fantastic save to deny the home team.

Against the run of play, the visitors latched onto a lucky bounce and made no mistake with the finish, going a goal ahead.

Cefn carried on playing flowing football not deterring away from their game plan. They were justly rewarded through striker Tom Harris, whose shot took a deflection and ended up in the net from some neat build-up work.

Young debutant 16-year-old Ioan Clatworthy showed glimpses of brilliance with some magical dribbling out wide before the ball was worked into the box for another debutant and Shaun Duffy slotted home on the stroke of

half-time. In the second half, Cefn came out of the blocks quickly and looked to add to their lead with Damien Lacey causing problems in midfield, and Harris always looking a threat. It wasn't long before wide man Gordon Watt picked the ball up and struck a wonder shot from 30 yards out straight into the top corner.

Just when it seemed Cefn had the game won, Hirwaun – to their credit – grabbed a goal back and made Cefn work hard until the final whistle.

We wish Hirwaun all the very best for the season and would like to thank match sponsor Adrian Shearan of Shearan Scaffolding Services for his support.

GB

Porthcawl Bridge Club news

PORTHCAWL Bridge Club has just held its first heat of the Summer Olympic Triathlon.

In addition to the normal pairs scoring, a gold medal (actually a packet of Brazil nuts) is given to the winning pairs in both the north/south and east/west lanes, based on aggregate scoring, in which a pair's total score over all the deals is calculated.

Latest club results: Saturday, July 30: first – John Beard & Tony Haworth; second – Pat Haworth & Trish Saunders. Thursday, August 4: first – Tony Haworth & Keith Davison; second – Connie Dick & Roger Draper. Saturday, August 6: first – Connie Dick & Roger Draper; second – Dian Jones & Kath Grossey.

Thursday, August 11, club night scoring – first (N/S) – Tony David Rance & Alwyn Hill; first (E/W) – Roger Plant & Terry Dolan. 'Olympic Scoring' – first (N/S Lane) – Peter & Sandie Jenkins; first (E/W Lane) – Tony Haworth & Keith Davison.

The club meets twice a week, Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 6.45pm-9.45pm, visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary, Trish, on 01656 785794.

TH

Chairman's Cup awarded at bowls club



DAVID Trevelyan is pictured receiving the Chairman's Cup that he won at an in-house club competition held at Bridgend Municipal Bowling Club.

Mr Trevelyan played against Jeff Phillips in the final. The competition is open each year to all male members of our club and is a coveted award that is displayed in our pavilion display cabinet with a small photo of the winner attached to it.

Mr Trevelyan's photo will eventually take the place of last year's winner, Ken Taylor.

The photograph shows the Cup being presented to David Trevelyan by the chairman of the men's section Mr Geoff Caldwell.

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